Frances Marguerite Luegring
Maurice J. Guenin

Maurice J. Guenin
March 24, 1901
January 20, 1981
Member
Monroeville Conservation Club

SERVICES

Saturday, January 24 - 1:00 p.m.
Marquart Funeral Home
Rev. David Stephey, Officiating

SURVIVORS

Brothers,
Glenn J. and Claston E. Guenin
Several nieces and nephews

INTERMENT

Monroeville Memorial Cemetery

MARQUART FUNERAL HOME

Maurice J. Guenin

d. 1-20, 1981

Maurice J. Guenin, 79, R.R. 2, Monroeville, died at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Adams County Memorial Hospital, Decatur, where he had been a patient three weeks.

Mr. Guenin, a retired grain hauler, was a lifelong Monroeville-area resident. He previously was employed at Monroeville Memorial Cemetery.

Surviving are two brothers, Glenn J., R.R. 4, Albion, and Claston E., R.R. 2, Monroeville.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in Marquart Funeral Home, Monroeville, with calling from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday. Burial will be in Monroeville Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. Guenin was a 44-year member of the Monroeville Conservation Club.

Clifford Gale Mohler
18 May 1903
Onward, IN
Sherman George Washinington Mohler
Indiana
Anna Bella Wilson
Indiana
30 June 1944 6-37C

Maurice Joseph Guenin
26 March 1901
Allen Co., IN
Frank Guenin
Lancaster, NY
Hortense Mugin
Allen Co., IN
1 July 1944 6-38A

Benjamin Taylor Harvill, Jr
15 April 1927
Fort Wayne, IN
Benjamin Taylor Harvill,Sr
Arkansas
Isabella Proehl
Kentucky
1 July 1944 6-38B

Minnie M. Lewis
4 July 1879
Allen Co., IN
Jacob F. Miller
Indiana
Elizabeth Grubb
Indiana
1 July 1944 6-38C

Otto Charles Pressler
3 Feb 1890
Whitley Co., IN
John Pressler
Indiana
Amanda King
Indiana
1 July 1944 6-39A

Elva Mae Weller
14 Feb 1896
Fort Wayne, IN
Charles W. Weller
Fort Wayne, IN
Clara Helmick
New Haven, IN
1 July 1944 6-39B

William John Conrad
30 Sept 1895
Allen Co., IN
John Conrad
Allen Co., IN
Mary Schlatter
Allen Co., IN
3 July 1944 6-39C

Amanda Lillian Cremer
5 Nov 1892
Allen Co., IN
Tobias Bentz
Germany
Fredericka Hackett
Germany
3 July 1944 6-40A

Clara Marie Hiene
5 March 1895
Allen Co., IN
William Werling
Wells Co., IN
Kathern Herman
Allen Co., IN
3 July 1944 6-40B

William O. E. Householder
24 Nov 1926
Huntington, IN
Donald O. Householder
Indiana
Ethel Smead
Indiana
3 July 1944 6-40C

Delayed Births

Allen Co

- Francis Guenin & Elizabeth Pottegeau
2-3 Frank Guenin & Hortense Jeanmoungin

3-8 Maurice Joseph Guenin

March 26, 1901

January 20, 1981 Monroeville Memorial Cemetery

single - never married

St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church Records, Monroeville, IN

1901 March 26, Joseph Maurice Guinin was baptized. Parents were Frank and Hortense Guinin. Witnesses were Joseph and Laura Peters. It was noted that he was born March 26, 1901.

Helen Rose Boyer
2 Mar. 1911
Tyrone, PA
Peter Crisp
NY
Adeline Stefano
NY
17 Apr. 1943 497A

Bernadette Gertrude Cox
22 Mar. 1895
Allen Co., IN
John B. Henry
Allen Co., IN
Mary E. Smitley
Fort Wayne, IN
17 Apr. 1943 497B

Ralph Delphos Diehm
17 July 1904
Columbia City, IN
George Diehm
Fort Wayne, IN
Jennie May Treace
Fort Wayne, IN
17 Apr. 1943 497C

Whiting Alden
7 Dec. 1887
Fort Wayne, IN
Samuel R. Alden
WI
Carrie Savin
NY
17 Apr. 1943 498A

Lulie Dixie
2 Oct. 1907
Selma, AL
Layams Dixie
Selma, AL
Martha McGhee
Selma, AL
17 Apr. 1943 498B

John Richard Evans
17 Dec. 1879
Angelsey, North Wales - Nat. 1906
Richard Evans
Angelsey, North Wales
Sarah Parry
Angelsey, North Wales
17 Apr. 1943 498C

Lola Pearl Fell
16 Mar. 1882
Allen Co., IN
Ben Bradbury
Allen Co., IN
Margaret J. Coverdale
17 Apr. 1943 499A

Laura Elsie Fortney
20 May 1884
OH
Henry Hatcher
OH
Della Smith
OH
17 Apr. 1943 499B

Carol Wilma Gatton
21 July 1924
Westfield, IN
Charles Walter Gatton
SC
Bertha May Harrison
KY
17 Apr. 1943 499C

Ralph Clem Gressley
26 Jan. 1902
Allen Co., IN
Elijah Gressley
Allen Co., IN
Martha Clem
Allen Co., IN
17 Apr. 1943 500A

Glen Joseph Guenin
21 May 1903
Allen Co., IN
Frank Guenin
NY
Hortense Mugen
Allen Co., IN
17 Apr. 1943 500B

Florence Frederick Gumpper
13 Aug. 1893
Fort Wayne, IN
John F. Gumpper
Germany
Mary Louise Stoll
Fort Wayne, IN
17 Apr. 1943 500C

Delayed Births Volume

CRAOWN, ERNEST M. - r. Perrysburg, Ind - a. 28 - c. w - occ. mail carrier b. Perrysburg - f. Nicholas Craown - m. Lena Walke - no.m . 2 d. Sept. 19,1927 - pl. FW - by Wm. W. Moberly - sp. Ruby E. Tippen

CRARY, JANET - see - PETERS JANET

CRARY, JANET - r. FW - a. 34 - c. w - b. Defiance Co., Ohio - f. Ben Crary - m. Emma Wilcox - no. m 2 - d. Dec. 20, 1930 - pl. FW by W. W. Moberly -sp. Glen J. Guenin

CRATES, CARMEN - r. Monroeville, Ind - a. 24 - c. w - b. Monroe twp. - f. Frank Crates - m. Daisy Wass - no.m. 1 - d. Oct. 4, 1928 - pl. Montoeville, Ind - by O. I. Vencopher - sp. Coral Crabill

CRATES, LISLE W. - r. Monroeville - a. 25 - c. w - occ. auto dealer - b. Monroeville - f. Frank Crates - m. Daisy Moss - no. m. 1 - d. Oct. 10, 1926 - pl. FW - by H F. Buellerman - sp. Elsie Lenington

CRAVENS, RUSSEL C. - r. Angola, Ind - a.28 - c. w - occ. engineer - b. ? f. Thomas Cravens - m. Addie Haines - no. m. 1 - d. Nov. 23, 1928 - pl. FW - by Wm. W. Moberly - sp. Helen J. McMaken

CRAWFORD, CLARA E. - r. FW - a. 68 - c. w - b. Allen Co., Ind - f. Richard Crawford - m. Amerilla Vaughn - no. m 2 - d. Oct. 2, 1929 - pl. FW - by Benj. H. Cain - sp. Allen A. Bowser

CRAWFORD, GEO. - r. FW - a. 40 - c. w - occ. steamfitter - b. Kentucky - f. Wm. Crawford - m. Mary Harding - no.m 1 - d. Oct. 10, 1927 pl. FW - by Wm. Moberly - sp. Hannah Chester

CRAWFORD, HELEN - r. FW - a. 27 - c. w - b. FW - f. Chas. Crawford - m. Agnes Rapp - no. m 2 - d. Jan . 14, 1929 - pl. FW - by Arthur J. Folsom - sp. Kent Sweet

CRAWFORD, JAMES - r. Omaha, Nebr. - a. 40 - c. w - occ. fireman - b. Omaha Neb. - f. John Crawford - m. Sarah Cunningham - no. m 1 - d. Feb 4, 1928 - pl. FW - by H. L. Miller - sp. Flora Hull

CRAWFORD, JOHN - r. FW - a. 31 - c. w -occ winger - b. Englewood - f. John H. Crawford - m. Margarette Dolan - no.m.1 - d. Dec. 23, 1928 pl. New Corydon - by. Wm. M. Hobey - sp. Selma Saxman

CRAWFORD, MARGARET - r. FW - a. 20 - c. w- b. FW - f. Arthur Crawford m. Lucina Crawford - no. m 1 - d. Aug. 30, 1926 - pl. FW - by Chas. Theile - sp. John E. Bendel

CRAWFORD, MARY L. - r. Arcola, Ind - a. 39 - c. w - b. Mansfield, Ohio - f. J. A. Deice - m. Carrie Pottert - no.m . 2 - d. Sept. 21, 1926 pl. FW - by Wm. W. Moberly - sp. Adolph Felger

Marriage Records
Allen Co In
1926-1930

V.1. A-L.

GRUND, MARCELINE - r. FW - a. 22 - c. w - b. FW - f. John H. Grund - m. Anna Parent - no.m.1 - d. Sept. 14, 1927 - p. FW - by T.M. Conroy - sp. Norbert B. Meyer

GRUNEWALD, PERRY IVAN - r. FW - a. 27 - c. w - occ. machinest - b. Van Wert, O. - f. Sam Grunewald - m. Nora M. Cooper - no.m. 1 - d. Aug. 31, 1929 - p. FW - by H. Wennermark - sp. Fay E.M. Cooper

GUDEMAN, HELEN - r. FW - a. 20 - c. w - b. Walcott, Ind.- f. Nathan Gudeman - m. Mary Schnock - no.m. 1 - d. Aug. 14, 1930 - p. FW - by Wm. E. Moll - sp. Herman Bertsch

GUDGELL, ADDIE - r. FW - a. 48 - c. c - b. Missouri - f. Henry Gudgell - m. Clara Woodris - no.m. 3 - d. July 3, 1926 - p. FW - by C.A. Pugh - sp. John H. Green Rev.

GUENIN, GLEN J. - r. FW - a. 30 - c. w - occ. laborer - b. Allen Co., Ind. - f. Frank Guenin - m. Margaret Mugen - No.m. 1 - d. Dec. 20, 1930 - p. FW - by W.W. Moberly - sp. Janet Crary

GUENTHER, JOSEPH E. - r. Fremont, Ohio - a. 27 - c. w - occ. press operator - b. Fremont, Ohio - f. Joseph Guenther - m. Mabel Shaell - no.m. 1 - d. Sept. 1927 - p. FW - by R.R. Detweiler - sp. Esther Krewetsky

GUERWIN, EDITH FERNE - r. FW - a. 19 - c. w - b. Ill. - f. All Guerwin - m. Georgia Harkins - no.m. 1 - d. Sept. 25, 1926 - p. FW - by H.F. Bullerman - sp. Ralph R. Earhart

GUESINGER, ALBERT M. - r. FW - a. 29 - c. w - occ. clerk - b. Decatur - f. Sam. D. Guessinger - m. Ella Glass - no.m. 1 - d. Nov. 16, 1927 - p. New Haven - by O.W. Yant - sp. Wilma V. Daniels

GUESTOFF, ARGI - r. FW - a. 28 - c. w - occ. restaurant - b. Ohio - f. Gus Guestoff - no.m. 1 - m. ______ - d. Jan. 23, 1926 - p. FW - by Wm. W. Moberly - sp. Myrtle Williams

GUETENSLATER, MADELYN - r. FW - a. 21 - c. w - b. FW - f. F. C. Guetenslager - m. Alvi Coleman - no.m. 1 - d. Mar. 20, 1928 - p. FW - by J. M. Coureit - sp. Chris Bennett

GUGE, CLAUDE - r. FW - a. 20 - c. w - occ. laborer - b. Denver, Ind. - f. Everett M. Gugi - m. Goldie E. Carson - no.m. 1 - p. FW - d. Sept. 3, 1927 - by H.R. Carson - sp. Leale E. Blum

GUGG, ETTA - r. FW - a. 26 - c. w - b. Dayton, Ohio - f. Wm. Gugg - m. Lilly Forker - no.m. 3 - d. Oct. 12, 1927 - p. FW - by M.M. Humlar - sp. Cecil F. Adair

PETERS, ISABELLA V. - r. FW - a. 21 - c.w. -b. FW - f Jacobs Peters - m. Mary Henninger - no. m. 1 -d Nov. 24, 1927 - pl. FW - by T. Pliny Potts - sp. Ed. H. Klepper

PETERS, JANET - r. FW - a. 29 - c. w. -b Ohio -f Ben Crary - m Emma Wilcos - no. m. 2 -d. Feb. 11, 1927 - pl. FW - by Harvey Hughes -sp. Earl H. Clem

PETERS, JENNIE M. - r. Grabill, Ind. - a. 20. - c. w. -b Leo, Ind. -f Sam E. Peters - m Emma Garver - no. m. 1 - d Feb. 27, 1926 -pl. Salamonia, Ind. -by S.A. Armstrong - sp. Philip Earl Whitacre

PETERS, JOE N. - r. FW - 2. 26 - c. w. -occ. Wire drawer -b FW -f John Petro (?) -m --Thorp - no. m. 1 -d Aug. 10, 1929 -pl FW -by E. A. Shirey - sp. Velma Smith Sproat

PETERS, MILDRED - r. FW - a. 27 - c. w. -b FW - f Ed Peters -m Anna Gilligan - no. m. 1 - d June 12, 1928 - pl FW- by Jas. C. Keating - sp. Geo. P. Kinder

PETERS, PAULINE A. - r. FW - a. 22. - c. w. -b Evansport, Ohio -f John P. Peters - m Minnie Rethmel - no. m. 1 - d Sept. 1, 1927 - pl. FW - by Arthur J. Folsom - sp. Floyd H. Paxton

PETERS, ROY M. - r. Chicago, Ill. - a. 31 - c. w. -occ radio salesman -b Utica, N.Y. - f Louis -- -m Sophia Rutger - no.m. 1 - d June 23. 1930 - pl FW - by R.S. Beaver - sp. Ailine M. Hill

PETERS, RUTH L. - r. Huntington, Ind. -a. 23 - c.w. -b Tipton, Ind. -f Merle Peters -m Pearl Glass - no. m. 1 -d Oct. 6, 1930 -pl FW - by Samuel Callen -sp. Alfred L. Keller

PETERS, SUSANNA L. SEE SUSANNA L. CLARK

PETERS, VIRGIL - r. Grabill, Ind. - a. 21 - c. w. -occ. salesman -b Allen County, Ind. -f Sam E. Peters - m. Emma Garver -no. m. 1 -d June 1, 1929 -pl. FW - by Wilmer Monroe - sp Claudia Henry

PETERSON, CLAUD W. -r. FW - a. 22 - c. w. -occ.electrician -b Decatur, Ind. -f Irmar Peterson - m. Ohin Wand - no. m. 2 - d Jan. 17, 1928 - pl. FW - by C.F. Fletter - sp. Deborah Mitter

PETERSON, ELMA - r. FW - a. 24 - c. w. -b Bronson, Mich. -f Joseph Peterson - m. Ina May Goodrick - no. m 1 -d Jan. 1, 1928 -pl. FW -by Rayman Bair - sp. Clarence J. Eliman

PETERSON, ERIC V. - r. Comstolk, Mich - a. 25 - c. w. - occ. contractor - b Kalamazoo, Mich - f Chas. Peterson - m Emma Johnson - no. m. 1 -d June 17, 1926 - pl. Garrett, Ind. -by W. M Elliot - sp. Pontotoe Parkhurst

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Joannis Claudio Guenin &
- Francis Guenin & Elizabeth Pele
2-3 Frank Guenin & Hortense Jeanmougin

3-9 Glen Joseph Guenin

May 21, 1903
November 8, 1983 Sanford, Florida
Wolf Lake, Indiana cemetery

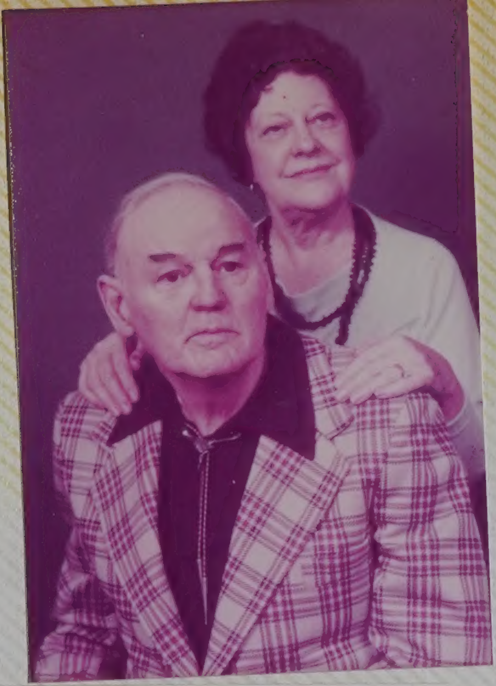
m. # 1 Janet Crary December 20, 1930
divorced:

m. # 2 Virginia Edna Skeels December 29, 1943
Wolfe Lake, Indiana

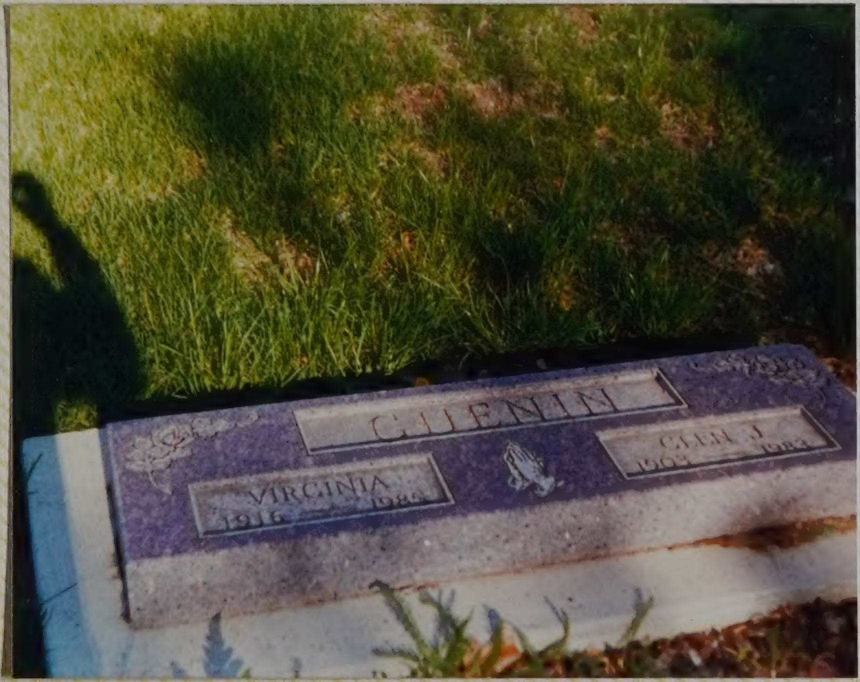
February 20, 1916
June 4 1985

4-1	Diane Sue Guenin	July 14, 1946	Columbia City
4-2	Rhonda Elaine Guenin	August 8, 1955	Columbia City

St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church Records, Monroeville, IN
1903 June 3 Joseph Guinin was baptized. He being born 1903 May 21. The godparents not given, but his parents were Frank and Hortance Guinin.



Glenn and Virginia Guenin


GUENIN
VIRGINIA
1916
GLEN J

- Francis Guenin & Elizabeth Pottegeau
2-3 Frank Guenin & Hortense Jeanmougin
3-9 Glen Joseph Guenin & Virginia E. Skeels

4-1 Diane Sue Guenin

July 14, 1946 at Columbia City, Indiana

m. Richard C. Petrie April 20, 1968 Lutheran Church
Auburn, Indiana
December 12, 1945

5-1	Matthew Steven Petrie	February 13, 1970	adopted
5-2	Brendi Nichole Petrie	August 1, 1973	adopted
5-3	Michael Drew Petrie	June 15, 1976	

In Memory

The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters,
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness
for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me; Thy rod and
thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies: thou anointest
my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life: and I will
dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

In Memory Of

VIRGINIA E. GUENIN

Born
February 20, 1916
Indiana

Died
June 4, 1985
Sanford, Florida

Memorial Service
10:00 A.M., Saturday
June 8, 1985
Smith's Funeral Home

Officiating
Rev. William Randall

Interment
Wolf Lake Cemetery

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Diane Guenin, Richard Petrie Are Engaged

The betrothal of Miss Diane Sue Guenin to Richard C. Petrie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph E. Petrie, Albion, has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Guenin, Albion.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Wolf Lake High School and Patricia Stevens Career Girl College in Chicago. She is employed by the General Electric Co. Her fiance, a graduate of Albion High School, attends Ball State University and is also a member of the Marine Reserves.

No wedding date has been set.

Miss Diane Sue Guenin

Shepherd-Guenin

James M. Shepherd took Rhonda E. Guenin as his bride Friday evening in Zion Lutheran Church, Columbia City. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Guenin, Albion, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James S. Shepherd, Marion. The couple greeted wedding guests in the church social room immediately following the ceremony. Miss Carol Osborn was maid of honor, Jay Vandermark stood as best man and David Herring and Richard Petrie were ushers. The newlyweds will make their home is Jackson, Mich., where the bridegroom is employed by Commonwealth Architects.

Mrs. James M. Shepherd

- Francis Guenin & Elizabeth Pottegeau
2-3 Frank Guenin & Hortense Jeanmougin
3-9 Glen Joseph Guenin & Virginia E. Skeels

4-2 Rhonda Elaine Guenin August 8, 1955 Columbia City

m. Michael James Shepherd October 25, 1974
Zion Lutheran Church, Columbia City

August 12, 1956

5-1 Megan Allyce Shepherd 3 January 1988

- Francis Guenin & Elizabeth Pottegeau

2.4 Eugene James Guenin
February 3, 1859 Lackawana, New York * 1
November 1, 1943 84Y 8M 28d Uremia
m. Elizabeth Monroe
May 1858 b. Ohio
84Y

3-1	Frank J. Guenin	30 September 1884	Ohio	* 2
3-2	Charley J. Guenin	19 May 1887	Ohio	d
3-3	Marcie A. Guenin Marcellus Allen	12 October 1889	Ohio	
3-4	Lullen R. Guenin	10 March 1892	Ohio	

The family resided 202 Furnace Street, Elyria, Ohio
James an employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad
He had lived in the community for 65 years, was not a Veteran, nor did he have Social Security. This from his death certificate. *1

1900 Ohio Census *2

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-   Francis Guenin & Elizabeth
2-5 Eugene James Guenin & Elizabeth Monroe

3-1 Frank J. Guenin

30 September 1884

27 July 1953   68Y   single
St. Marys Catholic Cemetery, 7284 Lake Ave. Elyria
Welsh & Goldcamp Service

Ill 24 hours - Coronary Occulusion.

Operated the Guenin Cigar Store in Elyria, Ohio

Never married

- Francis Guenin & Elizabeth
2-4 Eugene James Guenin & Elizabeth Monroe

3-2 Charley J. Guenin (Charles E.)

May 19, 1887

August 8, 1957 at Fort Lauderdale, Florida
(Secord Funeral Home,
Ft. Laurderdale, Fl.

m. Florence

no children

- Francis Guenin & Elizabeth
2-4 Eugene James Guenin & Elizabeth Monroe

3-3 Marcie A. Guenin Marcellus Allen Guenin "MARSH"

October 12, 1889
November 28, 1983 94Y

m. Martha ?

b. 10 1901 March 23

d. 13 Jan. 1969 St. Mary's Cemetery
Elyria, Ohio
(Gold Camp Funeral Home, Elyr

4-1 John Guenin

of Dayton, Ohio

4-2 Martha Jo Guenin

4-3 Mary

Landcaster, PA is where his father is s from. Worked New York Central Railroad Line.

Marshas housekeeper is named Helen Hensen.

Area deaths

Marsh Guenin, 94, ran grocery store for 53 years

Marsh Guenin, 94, former owner and operator of Marsh Guenin's grocery store at Broad Street and West Avenue, Elyria, died Monday afternoon at Elyria Memorial Hospital after a short illness.

Mr. Guenin began his business in 1914 on Middle Avenue and operated for 53 years.

At age 14 he had worked as a grocery delivery boy for Reublin Brothers on Middle Avenue, earning 50 cents a day driving a horse and wagon.

He also worked for several years at Boylan Brothers Grocery on Broad Street before taking a job with the Elyria Engineering Department around 1905. A brief stay in California and employment in a soap factory ended when he returned to Elyria at age 24, to purchase the old Reublin Store, then owned by P.L. Dunham, who was also a former employer of Guenin's.

With $500 in capital and some borrowed funds, Guenin employed three clerks and two delivery boys and operated the store in several locations until his retirement in 1966. He was open at the Broad Street location for 30 years.

Guenin, in 1964 C-T interview with Connie Davis, said he thought he was the first area merchant to display toys year-round, and not just before the holidays as was the practice.

MARSH GUENIN

Christened Marcellus Allen, he disliked the name, and always went by his boyhood nickname of Marsh.

He was born Oct. 12, 1889 on Furnace Street and except for an eight-month stay in California had been a lifelong Elyria resident.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Elyria and the Holy Name Society. He was a 71-year member of the Knights of Columbus, a life-member of the Elyria Elks, and a member of the Catholic Sunshine Club.

Mr. Guenin is survived by daughters, Mrs. Donald (Martha Jo) Siefert of Kansas City, Kans., Mrs. Mary Maple Kobasher; a son, John of Dayton; 12 grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

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three brothers.

Friends may call 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday at the Laubenthal Funeral Home, Elyria. where the Knights of Columbus will hold a wake service at 8 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at 9 a.m. Friday in the funeral home, followed by 9:30 a.m. mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Elyria. The Rev. Joseph Weigand, pastor, will officiate.

Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Elyria.

Marsh Gueni

Before his retirement in 196 Marsh Guenin had been a merchan in downtown Elyria for 52 years.

He bought his first grocery stor on Middle Avenue in 1914 an operated at several other location before ending up at Broad Street an West Avenue, where he stayed for 3 years.

Marsh, whose given name wa Marcellus Allen Guenin, was th epitome of the old-time retail mer chant. His clean little store had som of everything, and Marsh made point of knowing his wares and hi customers.

HE BELONGED TO an era whe Broad Street was a busy place and i shops were the mercantile lifebloo of the community.

Older Elyrians don't need to told how the street has change what with shopping centers ar outlying stores draining busine from the downtown section.

Marsh Guenin died this week the age of 94. He will be remembere for his role in the Elyria yesterday, when life and busine were a whole lot less complicate than they are today.

- Francis Guenin & Elizabeth
2-4 Eugene James Guenin & Elizabeth Monroe
3-3 Marcie A. Guenin &

4-1 John Guenin

1. son -
2 daus

1- Francis Guenin and Elizabeth
2-4 Eugene James Guenin and Elizabeth Monroe
3-4 Rolland R. Guenin and

1892 March 10 in

1967 February 6

? Phencie Gurley

Feeny-Kirby Mortuary
1901 North Meridan Street,
Indianapolis, IN

burial at Indianapolis

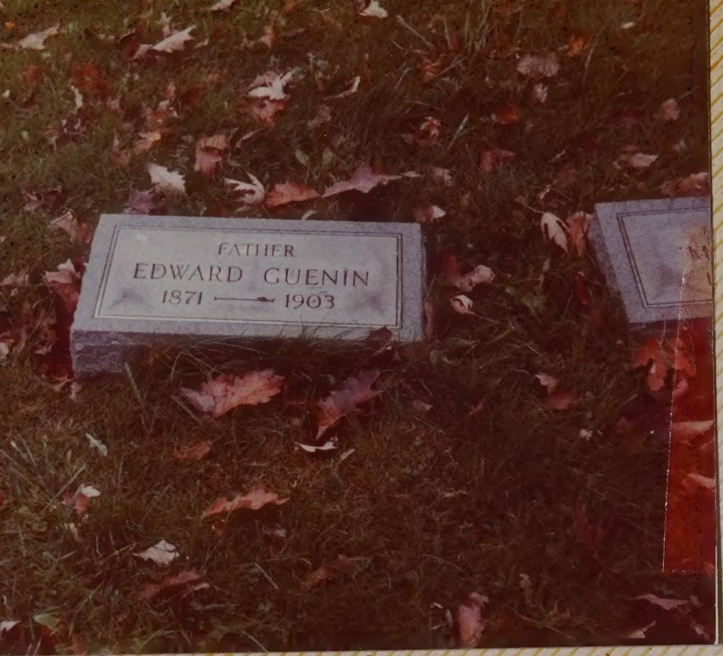
Jane Guenin
1932-1939

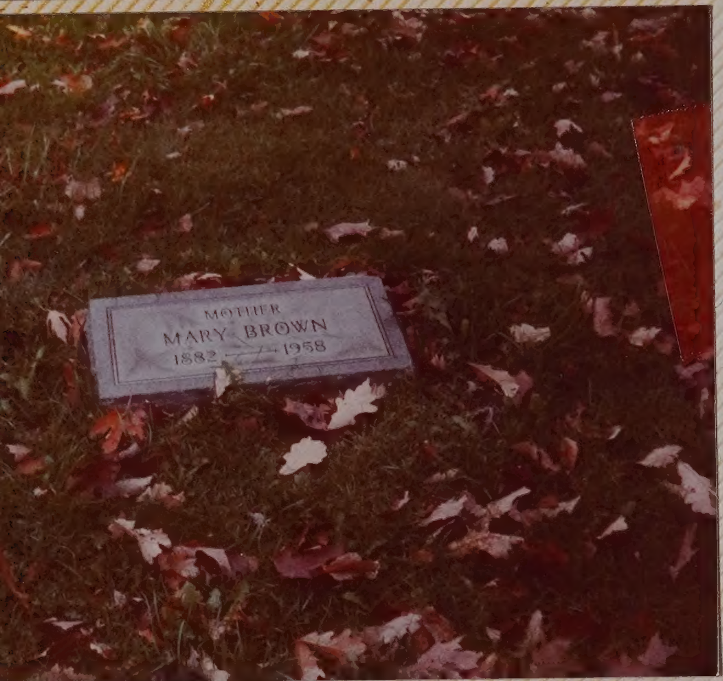
St. Mary's Catholic

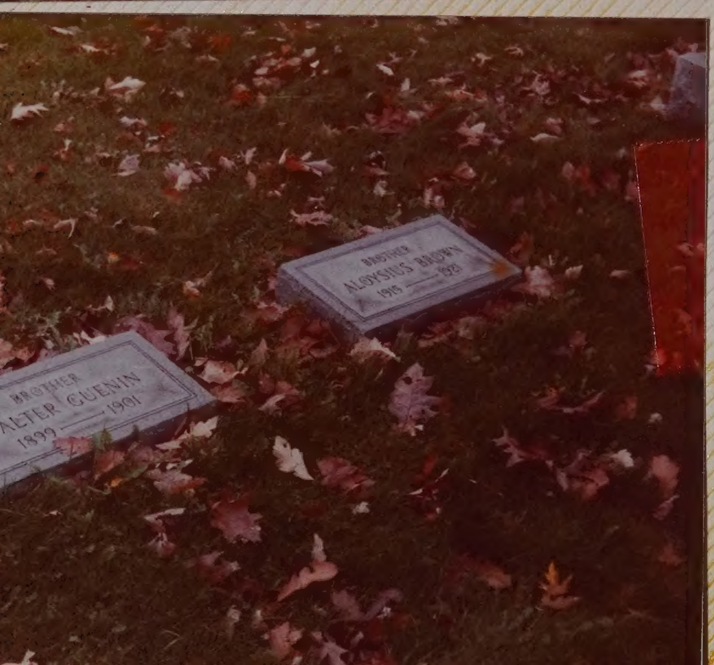
7284 Lake
Elyria Ohio

Registrum Matrimoniorum in Ecclesia Sancta Rosa
Monroeville Ind Diœcesis Ft. Wayne

Nomen Familiæ.	A. D. Die Mensis.	REGISTRUM MATRIMONIORUM.	Dispensationes.
Cullen Lewis	1898 Sept 22	Ego infrascriptus praemissis trinis denuntiationibus et mutuo contrahentium consensu habito, per verba de praesenti matrimonio conjunxi Franciscum F. Cullen ex loco Convoy O. Filium Bartholi Cullen et Bridgetta Kelly et Lolam [illegible] Lewis ex loco Monroeville Ind Filiam Joseph Lewis et Amanda Brown Praesentibus testibus Maurice C. Nieser Mathilde Eggermann L. R. Paquet	
Guerin Wagner	1898 Sept 27	Ego infrascriptus praemissis trinis denuntiationibus et mutuo contrahentium consensu habito, per verba de praesenti matrimonio conjunxi Edouardum Guerin ex loco Monroeville Filium Francisci Guerin et Eliza Paris et ~~Elizabeth Paris~~ Mariam Wagner ex loco Monroeville Filiam Jacobi Wagner et Elizabeth Miller Praesentibus testibus Francisco Guillott et Rosa Cezard L. R. Paquet	
Haley Hocken		Ego infrascriptus — ~~missis~~ — denuntiationibus et mutuo contrahentium consensu habito, per verba de praesenti matrimonio conjunxi Thomam Haley ex loco Convoy O. Filium et Florentinam D. Hocken ex loco Convoy O. Filiam Praesentibus testibus W. J. Haley Alice Clem L. R. Paquet	Obtenta dispensatione Mixtae Religionis -
Rossmann Eiff		Ego infrascriptus praemissis trinis denuntiationibus et mutuo contrahentium consensu habito, per verba de praesenti matrimonio conjunxi Petrum H. Rossmann ex loco Monroeville Filium Jacobi Rossmann et Catharinae [illegible] et Albinam E. Eiff ex loco Monroeville Filiam Francisci Eiff et Mariae E. Weikel Praesentibus testibus Henrico Rossmann et Louis Nieser L. R. Paquet	


FATHER
EDWARD GUENIN
1871 — 1903


MOTHER
MARY BROWN
1882 — 1958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ALTER GUENIN
1899 — 1901

- Francis Guenin & Elizabeth Pottegeau
2-6 Edward Guenin

June 1862 (headstone 1871 - 1903)
28 October 1903

m. Mary E Wagner September 27, 1898 by L.R. Poquet
Fort Wayne

June 1882 in Ohio
12 November 1958

m^2 Brown

3-1 Walter Guenin May 1900 Shelby, Richland Co., Ohio brother

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12 May 1921 brother

markers located in St. Marys Catholic Cemetery, Shelby, Ohio

DAILY GLOBE - Shelby, Ohio

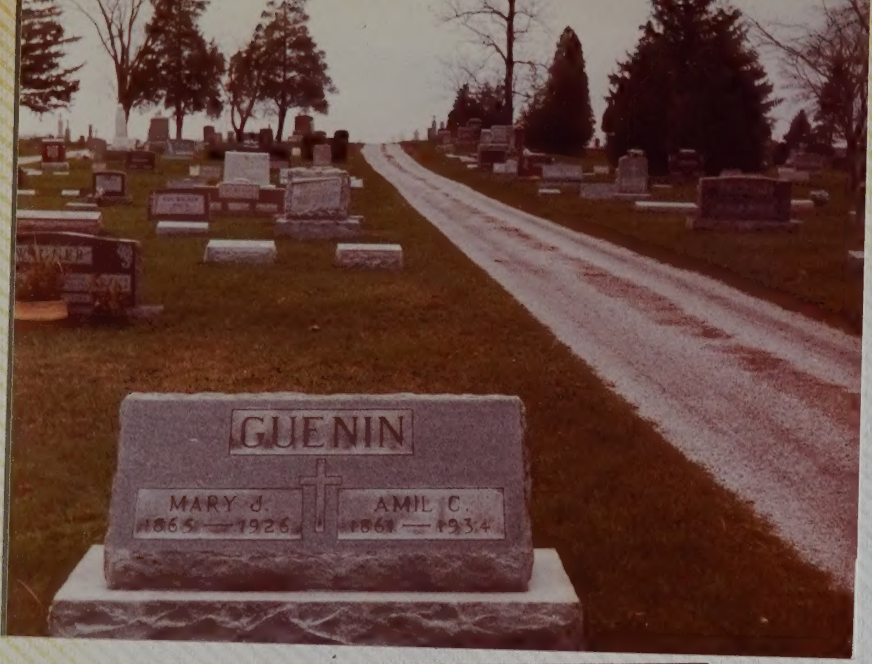
1903 October 28 (microfilm)

Injured at the Tube Works Last Night and Died this morning at 6:30. Edward Guinen meets with fatal accident.

Edward Guenin, of Raymond Avenue, a laborer aged about 40 years last night, met with an accident in the factory which resulted in his death this morning at 6:30 o'clock. His is employed in the picling room and was hauling a truck loaded with tubes weighing about 3 tons. He had hold of the tongue and was going down the incline when he lost control of the truck. His right leg was mashed in a frightful manner and he was thrown into the acid tub and scalded and burned in a horrible manner. The burns were the worst on his breast and shoulder. Other parts of his body were also badly burned and in many places the flesh dropped off. Other workmen in the department were attracted by his cries for help and rushed to his assistance and fished him out of the tub but the damage had been done. He was taken to his home in a cab at once and Dr. Love summoned. His first look at the injured member told him that an amputation would be necessary and Drs. Taylor and Anderson were sent for and assisted in performing the same. The right leg was amputated above the knee but Guenin was so badly burned that the physicians had little hope for his recovery. The operation was very successful but the burns proved fatal and Guenin died this morning at 6:30 o'clock at his home.

He is a married man and leaves a wife and one child. Mrs. Guenin is almost prostrated by the sudden shock which has frptibed her of a husband and the child of a father. Guenin was an industrious man and a hard worker and had many friends among the employees of the factory.

The funeral will be held from the Catholic Church Firday morning at 9:00 the Rev. Father Leahy officiating and the interment will occur in the Catholic Cemetery.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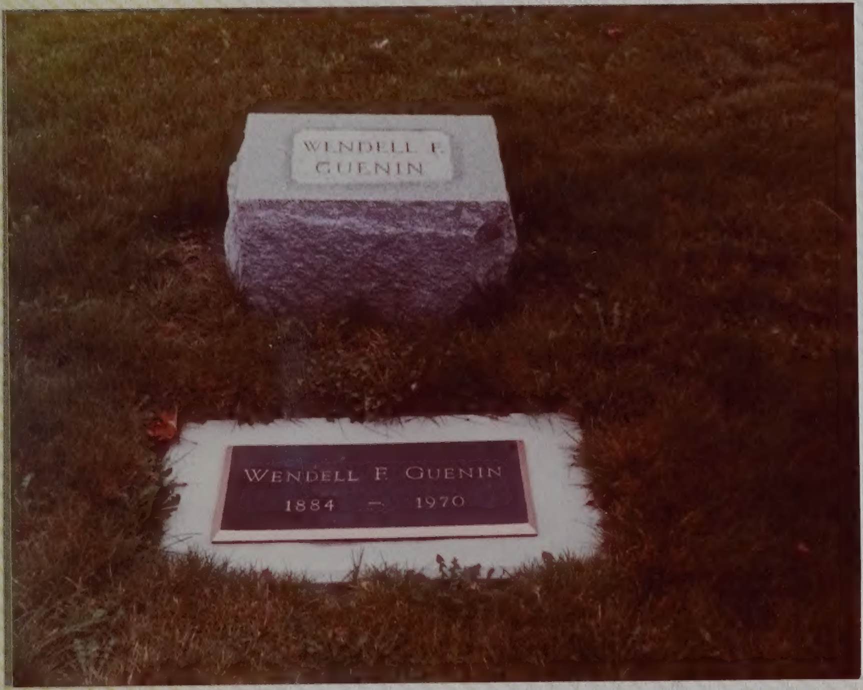
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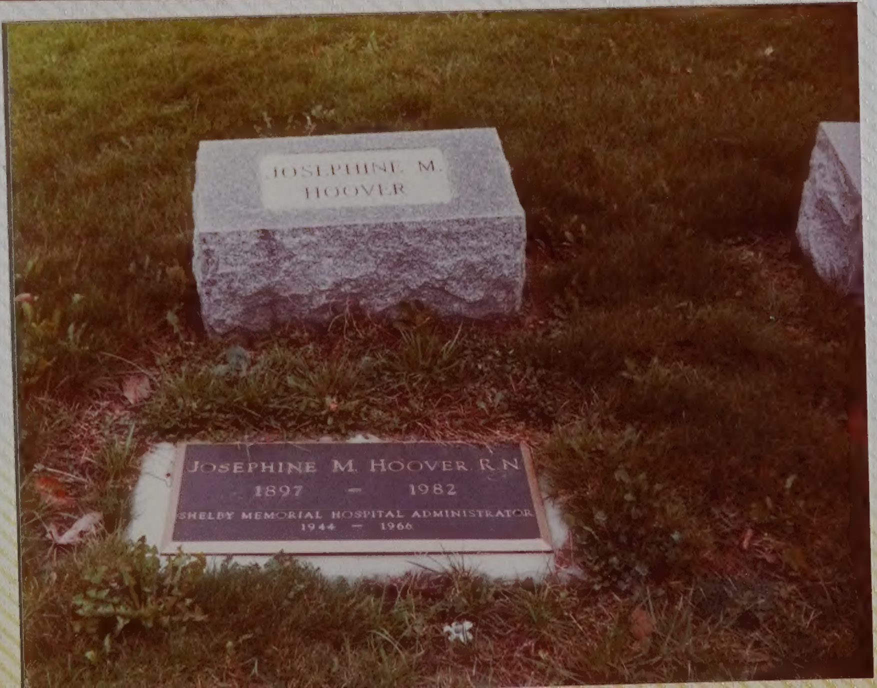
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SHELBY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR
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UENIN
PASSED AWAY

Guenin, aged 73 years,
away this morning at
the family home at 113
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sons, W. F. Guenin of
, Joe Guenin of Bau-
nn, two brothers, Frank
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Funeral arrangements
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RD OF THANKS

any kind friends who as-
e recent death and burial
effort, flowers, automo-
ibuted in behalf of our
nother and sister, we beg
cept our sincerest thanks
very thought, word and

C. Guenin and Family.
Klees.
Rose Blum.

ERAL NOTICE

y of A. C. Guenin was
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e today to the family
West Main street. The
ll be held Monday
t 8:30 from the Most
rt of Mary Church
er Fate officiating
in Catholic cemetery

MRS. A. C. GUENIN

Was Found Dead in Bed at Her Home 113 West Main Street This Morning.

The death of Mrs. A. C. Guenin occurred this morning very suddenly at the family home 113 West Main street. Mrs. Guenin was found dead in bed when her son W. F. Guenin went to her bed room to call her.

Her husband A. C. Guenin arose at 6:15 o'clock and at that time Mrs. Guenin said she would rest awhile longer. At 6:30 when her son called her she was dead. She had not been ill this winter further than having a slight cold and was in her usual health.

Mrs. Guenin was born and raised in Shelby and spent practically all her life in Shelby. She is survived by her husband and two sons W. F. Guenin at home and Joe Guenin of Baudette, Minn. She was aged 61 years.

She was a member of the Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic church. The funeral arrangements had not been made in time for publication today.

REMAINS

Of Mrs. G. L. Hoover Brought to Shelby From Wellsburg, West Virginia.

The remains of Mrs. G. L. Hoover arrived in the city last night on a late train over the B. & O. and were met by the Sutter ambulance and taken to the home of Joseph K'esse a brother of the deceased who lives on West Main street. The funeral was held this morning at 10 o'clock from the Catholic church Rev. Father Leahy officiating and the remains were interred in the Catholic cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to our neighbors and friends for their kindness; those who sent flowers and donated cars, also all those who helped in anyway during the death of our father.

W. F. Guenin.
Joe Guenin

ATTENDED FUNERAL

The funeral of Mrs. Mary J. Guenin was held Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock from the Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic church and was conducted by Father A. A. Fate. The body was laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery on South Gamble street. The following out of town relatives and friends were here for the funeral: Joe Guenin of Baudette, Minn., Miss Josephine Hoover and Mrs. Mary Horney of Cleveland, Gilbert Hoover of Toledo, Mrs. Frank Blum and daughter of Harrisburg, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blum of Fremont, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Guenin of Elyria, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Bertoli, Mrs. Ed Bertoli and Mrs. Harry Lawson, of Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. Gilbert Hoover

Mrs. Gilbert Hoover died Saturday evening at her home in North Wellsburg after a lingering illness, aged about 35 years. The husband and three small children survive. A relative will take two of the children and the husband the little boy.

DIED 1904

- Francis Guenin & Elizabeth Pottegeau Perry

2-8 Amil [illegible]. Guenin * (Amil Core) Amil Carl "Core"

1 April 1861 in New York Lancaster, NY
1 June 1934 Shelby, Ohio Cerebral Appoplexy-senility

m. Mary E. Klees

23 November 1864
18 May 1926 Acute heart failure Arymethia
St. Marys, Shelby, Ohio

3-1 Wendell F. Guenin 4 May 1884
3-2 Joseph E.DWARD Guenin August 1887
1955

3-3 Josephine Hoover (1898*) Indiana
adopted dau. father
born in Indiana-Mom in
Ohio

1900 Census: Shelby, Sharon Twp., Richland Co., Ohio
1910 Census: Shelby, Sharon Twp., Richland Co., Ohio
gives the name Amiel C. married 28 years, she had 2 children, he owns his blacksmith shop.

- Francis Guenin & Elizabeth Pottegeau

2-8 Amil Core Guenin & Mary E. Klees

3-1	Wendell F. Guenin	Wendell France Guenin
	4 May 1884 12 October 1970	
		single
		'Cousin Win'
		bookkeeper

- Francis Guenin & Elizabeth

2-8 Amil Core Guenin & Mary E. Klees

3-2 Joseph E. Guenin   Joseph Edward Guenin
August 1887   (20 May 1887
1955
Baudette, Minnestoa

m. Victoria Dunn

d. 1963

4-1 Erle Guenin

4-2 Gwendolyn Guenin

4-3 Francis C. Guenin   1920?
. Baudette, Minn.
May 1, 1932

"dad's Aunt Mary"

Roadside view of Wabanica Bay before it enters the Rainy River, Lake of the Woods, Baudette, Minn.

Color by Erle Guenin

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Aerial view of the International Bridge linking Baudette, Minnesota, and Rainy River, Ontario, Canada.

Length 1284 feet Dedicated July 31, 1960

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Rainy River view showing the broad sweep of this body of water as it stretches from Canadian shore to U.S. shore.

Lake of the Woods Baudette, Minnesota

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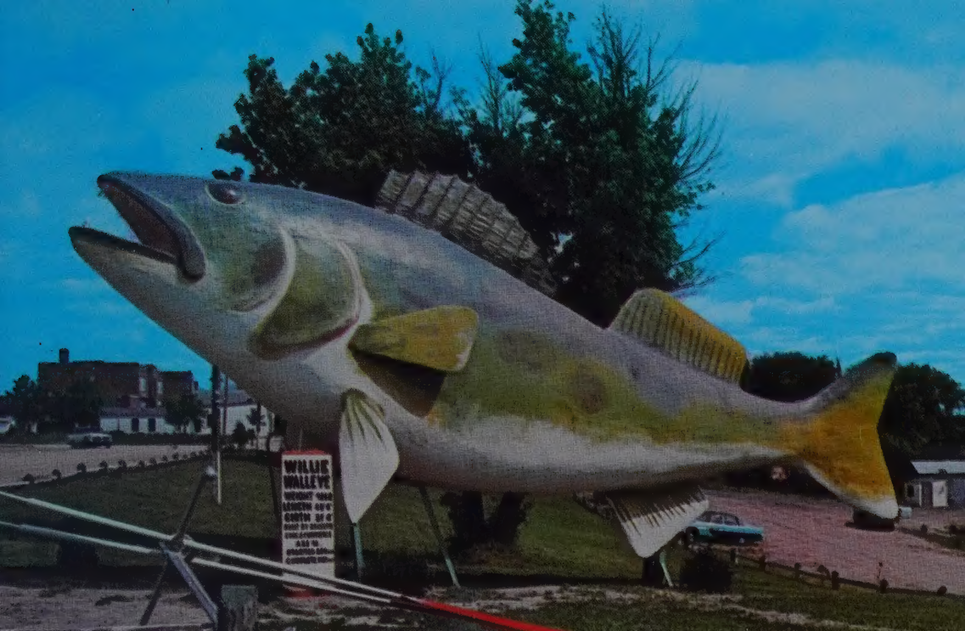
WILLIE
WALLEYE
WEIGHT
LENGTH
GIRTH

Willie Walleye welcomes you to
Lake of the Woods, Baudette, Minnesota
"WALLEYE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD"
Weight 9,852 lbs. Length 40'4" Girth 21'4"

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RAINY RIVER RESORT AREA
Lake of the Woods, Baudette, Minnesota

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Aerial view of Wabanica Beauty Spot, Lake of the Woods, Baudette, Minn.

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Located 6 miles north of Baudette, Minnesota, on the bank of the Rainy River, is the beautiful Wabanica Lutheran Church.

Its lighted cross serves as a beacon for people traveling the Rainy River at night, and its peaceful setting has provided solitude and inspiration for many.

Guenin Photo Studio, Baudette, Minnesota

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60 lbs.” of Walleyes from Lake of the Woods

Taken by hook and line, these fine Walleyes vary from 5 lbs. and up. A good fighting fish, you can look for a lot of fun when you hook one of these. "COME TO LAKE OF THE WOODS" for your next fishing vacation.

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Happy
Holidays

Love,
Evelyn &
Myron

Francis Guenin and Elizabeth (Palliot, Pele, Pio ?

2-8 Amil Core Guenin and Mary E. Klees
3-2 Joseph Edward Guenin and Victoria Dunn

4-1 Erle Guenin

Police Dept.
Baudette, MN

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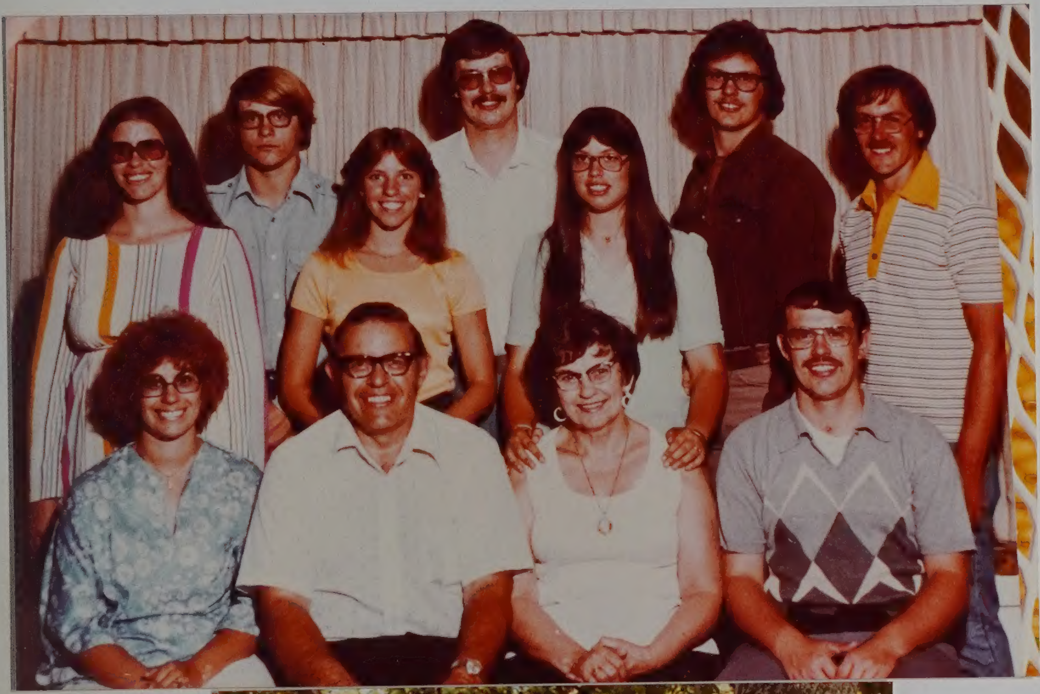
5- Erlyce Guenin 1947 September 26
5- Michael Guenin
5- Cindi Guenin
5- Dan Guenin
5- Greg Guenin
5- Dena Guenin
5- Scott Guenin
5- Richard Guenin
5- Mari Guenin

ERLE GUENIN FAMILY

Baudette, Minnesota

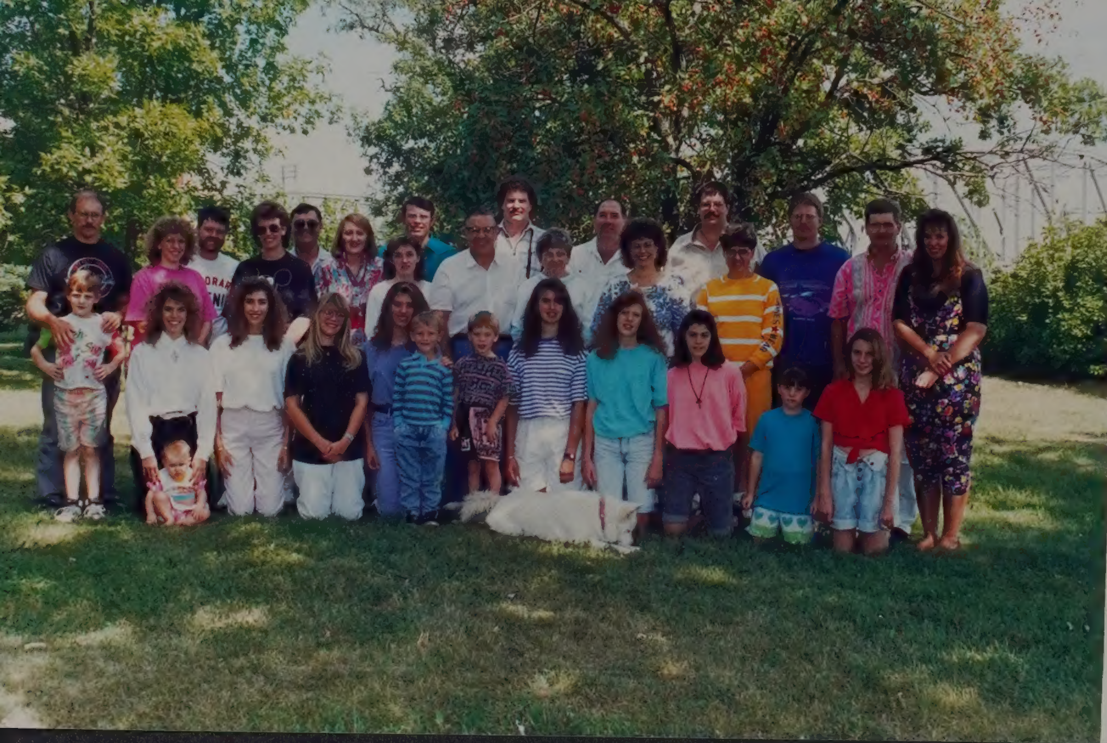
back, l-r: Cindi Guenin Drummond, Danny Win Guenin, Mari Guenin Johnson, Greg Guenin, Dena Guenin, Scott Guenin, Richard Guenin
front, l-r: Erlyce Guenin Pekas, Erle Guenin, Herzele Johnson Guenin, Michael Guenin



Erlyce Guenin Pekas and Michael Guenin

June 1983

'Root Seekers'



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Season's Best
TO YOU AND YOURS

Erlyce, Myron,
Steph, Heather
& the
Guenin
family

Stephanie, Er
Heather Pek
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THE ERLE AND HERZELE GUENIN FAMILY - 1991
BAUDETTE, MINNESOTA

LEFT TO RIGHT: Back row (standing): Richard Guenin, Jeffrey Guenin (son of Richard), Mari (Guenin) Johnson and Dana Johnson, Cindi (Guenin) Drummond and Mike Drummond, Pat Guenin and Mike Guenin, Marilyn Guenin, Erle Guenin, Scott Guenin (married to Marilyn), Herzele Guenin, Myron Pekas, Erlyce (Guenin) Pekas, Greg Guenin, Bettye Guenin (married to Greg), Dan Guenin, Kevin Pieper (engaged to Dena) & Dena Guenin.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Front row (kneeling): Stephanie Pekas (Erlyce & Myron), baby Sarah Johnson (Mari & Dana), Heather Pekas (Erlyce & Myron), Nicole, Shana and Shawn Drummond (Cindi & Mike), Steven Johnson (Mari & Dana), Terre Guenin (Greg & Bettye), Katy Guenin (Mick and Pat), Jennifer Guenin (Richard), Melissa and Michelle Guenin (Scott & Marilyn). Absent: Bob Guenin (Mick and Pat).

Grancis Guenin and Elizabeth

2-8 Amil Core Guenin and Mary E. Klees
3-2 Joseph Edward Guenin and Victoria Dunn
4-1 Erle Guenin and Herzele Johnson

5- Erlyce Guenin

1947 September 26

m. Myron Pekas 1967 January 20

6-1 Stephanie Pekas

6-2 Heather Pekas

MERRY CHRISTMAS 1983

Happy Holidays 1985

MERRY CHRISTMAS 1984

Greetings
-1986

Heather 16

Steph 19

MISS SIOUX FALLS

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Thanksgiving 1988 with Mom + Dad Galvin

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Happy
Holidays

Eulyce & Myron

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Erlyce is turning 60
And we're getting set,
to throw her a party
she'll never forget!

You are invited to join her family for a
Surprise birthday luncheon
September 29, 2007 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Nicollet Island Inn
95 Merriam Street, Minneapolis

Please arrive by 10:30 a.m. to keep the surprise.

An RSVP by July 15th would be appreciated as we
have two different rooms held awaiting our attendance.
Stephanie Ritscher at 602-695-2249.
No gifts please

Dear Friends & Family,

Just a few details that we didn't put on the invitation:

As an FYI, this is an adult only event. We would love to see your little ones but we don't have the space or the budget for them. Just wanted you to know in advance.

The location where we are hosting the event is also a hotel. You can book a room there if you like by calling 612-331-3035. They do not have a large inventory of rooms however, so you may want to call early.

We will be staying at the Staybridge in Bloomington for the length of our stay in the cities (Thursday thru Sunday) If you decide to stay there, please don't check in until after the party on Saturday. I would hate for the surprise to be ruined by seeing your lovely face in the lobby, which is possible as they offer a continental breakfast each day. The number for our location is 952-831-7900 or you can register online. More than likely we will be spending the rest of the afternoon in the lounge area of our hotel for those who have additional time they can spend with us. Our flight home on Sunday is at 2:20pm.

Lastly, Mom is aware that Heather and I are taking her to the cities for her birthday so she may talk about it. She does not know about the party as it is a surprise and we have events planned to throw her off of our trail. Just wanted you to know so you didn't think that she was aware of ALL our plans for her. We look forward to seeing you in September.

Stephanie & Heather

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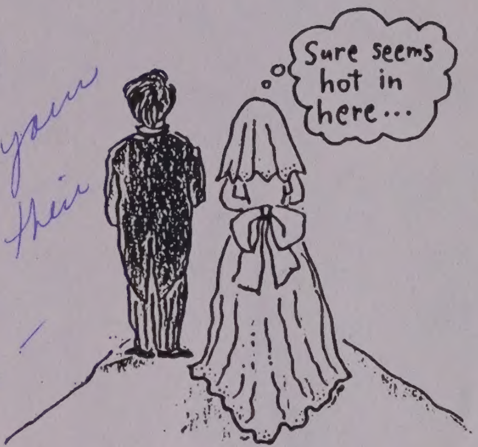
August 17, 1992

Dear Family and Friends,

As most of you know, Erlyce DID faint at the altar 25 years ago, so this cute card we got from her brother Greg really was appropriate and was most definately reassuring!

We had such a wonderful time at our 25th Anniversary celebration, and we had to take this opportunity to write and thank you personally for the part you played in the event. Whether you wrote a memory for the beautiful 25th booklet Stephanie and Heather put together for us, or helped decorate, or sent a card, or gave us a gift, or traveled to be with us, or came to the Friday night picnic, or witnessed the renewal of our vows at the park, or took part in the Roast, or put on the slide show, or sang, or prayed with us, or just thought of us, we want to say thank you from the bottom of our hearts! It was a weekend we will always cherish and remember. We told people it was almost like a wake......a real 3 day marathon! But a marathon of love and joy and friendship, and truly a highlight of 1992 for us. Thank you, and know that we appreciate you more than we can say.

A reassuring wedding fact:


Sure seems hot in here...

If you faint at the altar, the dress is so long nobody will see much of your underwear.

(Well, it's kind of reassuring.)

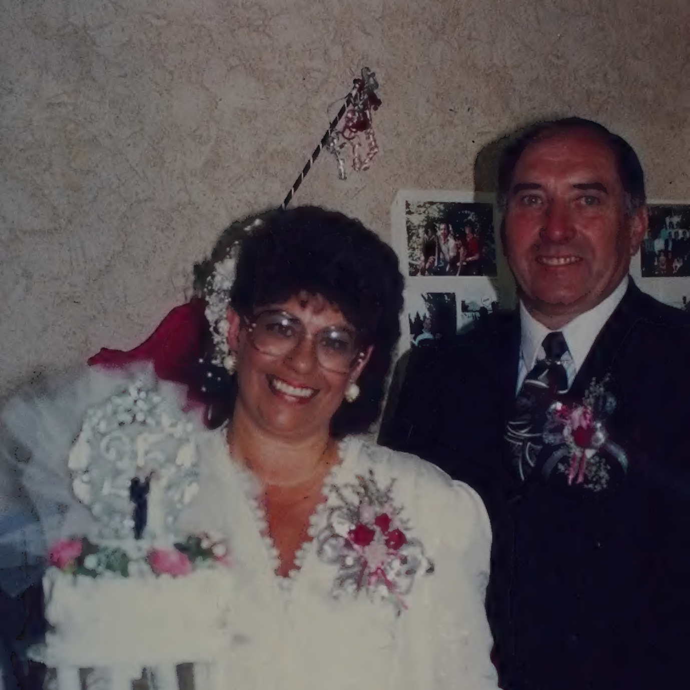
Thank you for thinking of us - I know the girls (as well as us!) appreciated your response to their letter -

We had a really fun party!

If anyone has photographs of any part of the weekend, we would **really** appreciate your sending us your negatives so that we may make reprints for our photo album. (We can never get enough pictures!!) We will return your negatives when we have finished with them, we promise.

In love and friendship,

Erlyce and Myron



Ellyce & Myron
1992

O Holy Night

-25th Anniversary-

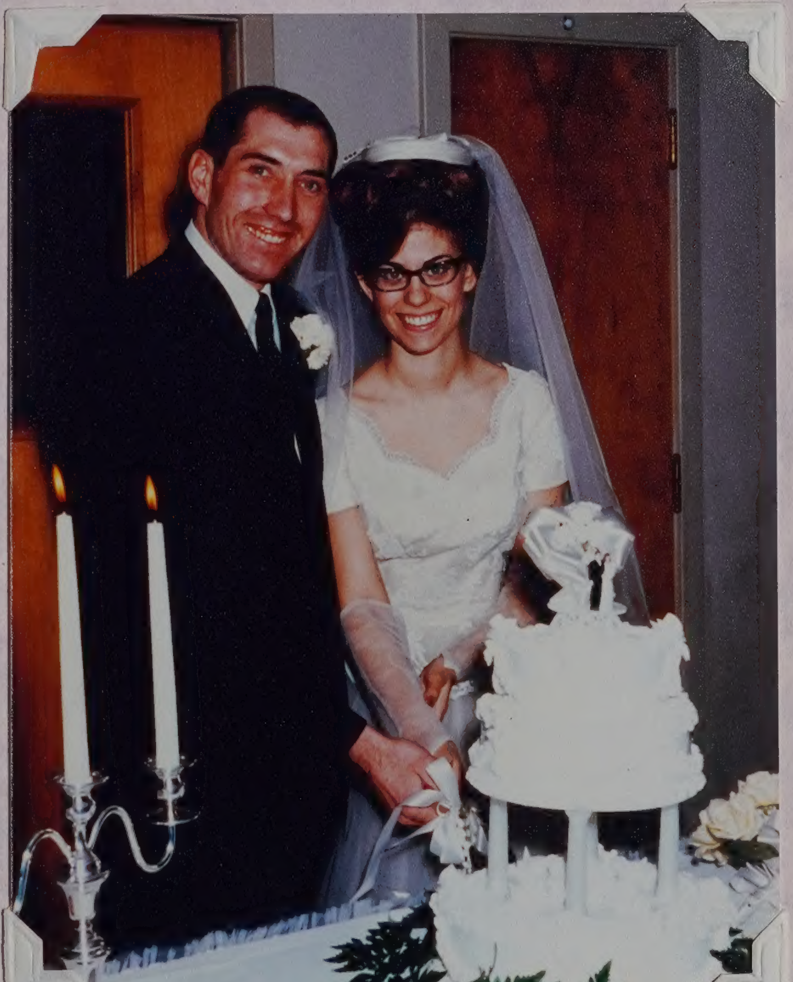
THE 25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

CELEBRATION OF

MYRON AND ERLYCE PEKAS

MARRIED JANUARY 28, 1967

CELEBRATING AUGUST 8, 1992



THE 25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF
MYRON AND ERLYCE PEKAS
MARRIED JANUARY 28, 1967
CELEBRATING AUGUST 8, 1992 WITH OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7 - - 6 PM - Picnic/Swimming at our home - 2309 Tamarac

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8 - 1 PM - Renewal of Wedding Vows/Upper Tuthill Park
Sioux Falls, SD

Original Wedding party:

Maid of Honor:	Dorene Tollefson (Sister of Myron)
Best Man:	Victor Tollefson (Brother-in-law of Myron)
Bridesmaid:	Lynn (Levasseur) Valentine (Friend of Erlyce)
Groomsman:	Loren Pekas (Brother of Myron)

Erle Guenin, Erlyce's father, will sing "The Lord's Prayer" at the Vows. Father Thomas J. Ryan will officiate. Also attending are Agnes Pekas, Myron's mother, and Herzele Guenin, Erlyce's mother as well as our daughters Stephanie Pekas of Phoenix, Arizona, Heather Pekas of Sioux Falls, and other family and friends.

Saturday, August 8 - 5:30 PM - Family Dinner - Airport Holiday Inn
Prayer before the meal - Jerry Ross (Friend of Erlyce & Myron)
Toast to the Anniversary couple - Loren Pekas and Lynn Valentine

7:00 PM - Reception

Cake Servers:	Donna Jahner (Sister of Myron) Mari Johnson (Sister of Erlyce)
Coffee Servers:	Cindi Drummond (Sister of Erlyce) Dena Guenin (Sister of Erlyce)
Punch Servers:	Shana Drummond (Niece of Erlyce) Nicole Drummond (Niece of Erlyce)
Guest Book:	Debby Underberg (Friend of Myron & Erlyce) Marlene Ross (Friend of Myron & Erlyce)
Greeters:	Reva and Fred Behm (Friends of Myron & Erlyce) Connie Schander (Friend of Myron & Erlyce)
Video taping:	Scott Guenin (Brother of Erlyce)
Table Decorations:	Mari Johnson (Sister of Erlyce)
Other Decorations:	Many thanks to Wendy & John Stamp, and Dena & Kevin Pieper, recent newleyweds who loaned us many lovely decorations to use from their own weddings.
Booklet drawing:	Cindi Drummond (Sister of Erlyce)
Photographer:	Erle Guenin (Father of Erlyce)

8:00PM - Program Begins

Master of Ceremonies:	Mike Guenin (Brother of Erlyce
Singers:	Lori Pekas (Sister-in-law of Myron) Mike Guenin (Brother of Erlyce)
Songs:	"To Me" and "Through the Years"
Slide Show:	Heather Pekas & Stephanie Pekas/(daughters)
"Roasters": (organized by Pat Guenin, sister-in-law of Bride)	Dorene Tollefson (Sister of Myron) Jerry Muhs (Friend of Erlyce and Myron) Erle Guenin (Erlyce's father) Connie Schander (Friend of Erlyce & Myron)

9:00 PM - 1 AM - - Dance

Many thanks to all of you who have joined us in celebrating our 25th Anniversary.....to those who traveled to be with us, and to all those who helped in many ways to make this weekend a very special one. We will always remember and cherish this time with you all.

HE SAID...........SHE SAID!

HOW DID YOU MEET?

Myron said: "Erlyce was working as a waitress at Tom's Cafe in the little northern town of Baudette, Minnesota, and I was the Herdsman for Glennloch Farms just outside of Baudette. I ate at the cafe frequently, and one day I noticed this totally funny girl and her equally goofy friend, Laurel, and the crazy stunts they pulled while working as waitresses. I made the mistake of asking my friend, Rey Pedersen, "Who are those nutty girls?", and he told me they were the cops' daughters. I said a simple little statement, something like "oh" I think, but Rey told Erlyce what I'd said, and the next thing I knew, I was sitting in the cafe and she came up and poured water all over me, and said, "So, you think I'm some kind of a nut, huh?" and stormed off! Really uncalled for! (But she started chasing me right after that!)"

Erlyce said: "Well, we agree on the place, but certainly not the details! All Rey told me was that Myron had asked who I was, and I didn't POUR water him.....I only sprinkled just a little, for fun! No matter what he says, though, it didn't dampen his spirits any, as that's when he started trying to impress me!"

WHO PURSUED WHO?

Myron said: "She most definately chased me - the only thing I ever chased were cows and bulls! After that first encounter, I couldn't step foot in Tom's Cafe without her meeting me at the door and telling me where her station was so I would sit there! She also would bicycle two miles out to the farm, make conversation (and boy, could she talk!), dilly dally around with one excuse after another until finally it was dark. THEN she said it was too dark to ride the bike back, so I'd either take her and the bike back into town, or sometimes I'd reluctantly give her my car. One time she even brought her mother with her, so I knew then she was serious!"

Erlyce said: "No way, no way! He thought he was the Rhinestone Cowboy, I guess, and he chased me every chance he got. I was kind of tickled to see this guy with the startling blue eyes, cowboy hat and boots search the cafe every time he came in, looking sort-of cow-eyed to see which area I was working in, and then make sure he sat there so I could wait on him! He was kind of shy, and when he did ask me out, I didn't accept right away......I DID bicycle out to the farm, but it was purely for exercise, you know. He would say anything to get me out there....he offered to take me back in, offered to come and get me, etc....! I only took his car if he forced it on me! I found out later, my policeman father drove out there one day just to check this cowboy out....spent 20 minutes there in his uniform and police car without saying a word, then drove off. Who knows what he'd heard about him!"

WHEN DID EACH OF YOU BEGIN TO SHOW REAL INTEREST IN EACH OTHER?

Myron said: "As I said, I felt she was getting serious already when she came to see me with her Mother in tow! But after awhile, I kind of enjoyed her whacky sense of humor and being around her, so I thought I'd bring her some flowers. It wasn't a special trip or anything.....I was on my way into town anyway to pick up some grain and I'd heard she was babysitting so I just stopped along the way and picked some kind of flowers I saw that looked OK. I figured she wouldn't know what they were anyway. I didn't have anything to put them in, so I just sort of wrapped them up in a piece of tin foil and gave them to her when she answered the door. For some reason, she got all misty-eyed, as women do, when she saw them and me. She said no one in cowboy boots driving a grain truck had ever given her peonies at 7:30 in the morning before. I didn't think she'd get so emotional!"

Erlyce said: "I agree with that.....it was when he brought me those flowers. And yes, I knew they were peonies! (It was the only flower I DID know, as we had them growing in our yard at home.) Somehow, seeing him standing there like a first date for the prom, carrying those wilty flowers with tin foil wrapped around them, and knowing he had made a special trip to bring to them to me first thing in the day.....well, it made me think twice about this man!"

WHAT KIND OF IMPRESSION DID YOU MAKE ON YOUR FUTURE IN-LAWS?

Myron said: "After Erle had given me the once-over & figured I was maybe an OK person, I was in like Flynn! Erlyce was from a large family just like I was, so I fit in easily at their dinner table. I'm not really sure if they noticed for quite awhile that there was an extra person for meals! They made me feel very comfortable, though, and I love them as my own. (I just wish Erle would stop trying to intimidate me with that billy club every time I'm around him....he did retire last year, after all, and it doesn't have the same effect on me as it did 25 years ago at the wedding!")

Erlyce said: "I'm afraid I really tried too hard at first with Charley and Agnes.....thank goodness they liked me anyway! Once, while visiting their home in Dickinson, ND for the first time, I commented on how clean their new dishwasher got her dishes, whereby Mom Pekas informed me very nicely that she hadn't washed them yet! I also naively asked Myron's sister, Dorene, who was a hairdresser, "if she liked wearing her hair like that?", which didn't really impress her very much at all! They all had trouble with my name; both spelling it and saying it, and Dorene used to call me "that girl". Good thing I waited a few years before giving them my complete name of Erlyce Maxine Veone Guenin! However, they overlooked my ineptness and lack of social graces, and we love each other dearly now! Good thing.....25 years is a long time to just barely tolerate someone!!"

WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER THE MOST ABOUT YOUR WEDDING DAY?

Myron said: "Probably the thing that stands out most in my mind is during the ceremony when Father Bitz said, "until death do you part" and Erlyce fell over. I thought maybe she'd left me a widower on the spot, but she'd merely fainted. I caught her along with her yards and yards of wedding dress before she hit the floor......and I've been been catching it ever since."

Erlyce said: "I don't remember much at all.....it's just a blur. Must be something connected with that dizzy spell I had during the ceremony. I do recall having to sit on a chair while I repeated my vows. This year I think I'll let Myron do the fainting!"

WHAT IS THE SECRET TO STAYING TOGETHER 25 YEARS?

Myron said: "Put your foot down."
Q. **Whose foot?**
Myron: "Mine!"
Erlyce said: "That doesn't work, you know."
Myron: "I know; you always put yours on top of mine."
Q. **Seriously, what is the secret?**
Myron: "Marry her young and train her the way you want her!"
Q: **Seriously!**
Myron: "I AM serious. I'm boss in my house. I run everything - the vacumn, the dishwasher, the blender. Just ask Erlyce!"
Erlyce said: "I think the secret to staying together is this: Have lots of patience and don't give up. (Don't give in either, but don't give up!!")
Myron: "You ARE serious, aren't you? I know for a fact that you haven't given in in 25 years!! I can be serious too. I think it's important to stay young at heart."

WHAT'S THE BEST THING ABOUT BEING MARRIED?

Myron said: "Having someone to come home to."

Erlyce said: Having someone to love and share things with."

DOES IT FEEL AS THOUGH YOU'VE BEEN MARRIED FOR 25 YEARS?

Myron said: "Yes....I mean no! Is she listening to this?"

Erlyce said: No.....I mean yes! Is he anywhere around?"

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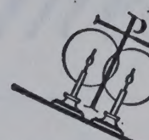

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Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an antique ivory floor-length gown of nylon tulle and handclipped rosepoint lace over layers of tulle and taffeta. The full circular skirt was fashioned with a deep accordion pleated tulle dust ruffle with a lace heading. The molded lace bodice featured an off-the-shoulder neckline with tiny cap sleeves. A matching sequin and seed pearl crown held her fingertip veil of silk illusion and she wore matching gloves. Her bouquet was of white roses and gardenias with a detachable center corsage.

Doreen Tollefson of West Fargo, sister of the groom, was matron of honor, and Lynn Levasseur was bridesmaid. They wore floor-length gowns of red crepe with bodice and sleeves of red lace, cut on the A-line with an empire waist and bell sleeves. Their headdresses were of red crepe roses and veiling. Red shoes, white gloves and red and white bouquets completed their ensembles.

Victor Tollefson, brother-in-law of the groom, was best man, while Gregory Guenin and Dr. J. C. Pekas of Fargo, brothers of the bridal couple, ushered the 100 guests.

Michael Guenin sang the "Wedding Prayer" and "The Lord's Prayer" at the ceremony. At the reception, Cynthia Guenin had charge of the guest book and Leanne Persons, the punch bowl, while Laurel Hubachek and Jane Curtis helped open the wedding gifts. Mrs. Eugene Storla poured coffee and Mrs. Marie Kjos and Mrs. Oscar Bredeson cut and served the wedding cake.

Following a wedding trip to Texas, the young couple are at home at 519 Countryside Trailer Court, Fargo, N. D. Erlyce is a telephone operator with Northwestern Bell and Pekas an insurance agent for Pennsylvania Life Insurance Company.

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McDonnell-Douglas Corp. formed by merger ... First heart transplant done by Dr. C. Barnard ... Coronary bypass operation ... New car bumper invented, absorbs shock ... Cordless telephone tested ... Debbie Meyer, age 15, broke 1500-meter freestyle record ... Jim Bakken broke football's kicking record with seven goals in one game

THOSE WERE THE DAYS

1967 -- MYRON and ERLYCE Were Married

Expo 67 in Montreal ... Beatles released Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band ... Mickey Mantle of NY Yankees hit 500th homer ... Twiggy set fashion look ... Goodwill buttons fad ... A. J. Foyt won Indianapolis 500 car race ... Boutiques ... Dionne Warwick sang WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS NOW IS LOVE

1972 -- MYRON and ERLYCE's Fifth Anniversary

Mark Spitz won 7 Olympic gold medals ... Last Apollo flight to moon ... Liza Minnelli in film CABARET ... Book ELEANOR & FRANKLIN ... Burton gave Liz Taylor $100,000 heart-shaped diamond ... Bobby Fischer won first world chess title for US ... Coca-Cola's song I'D LIKE TO TEACH THE WORLD TO SING ... Nixon in China

1982 -- MYRON and ERLYCE's Fifteenth Anniversary

gland's Prince William born to Charles & Diana ... Smurfs, E.T. toys, action figures, Pac Man videos were popular ... Hockey star Wayne Gretzky broke scoring record "the great Gretzky" ... Viking ship replica HJEMKOMST built by Robert Asp sailed to Norway ... Epcot Center opened in Florida, Disney's dream

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3-2 Joseph Edward Guenin and Victoria Dunn
4-1 Erle Guenin and Herzele Johnson

5-1 Erlyce Guenin

m. Myron Pekas

6-1 Stephanie Pekas

6-2 Heather Pekas

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Christmas - 2002

The word itself brings a rush of happy emotions to our home! Well, okay, I may be exaggerating when I infer that it's "our" emotions that are affected. At least not in the same way. I go into my fairy tale "it's Christmas!" mode with sugar plums dancing in my head, while Myron deals with the logistics of hanging those lights outdoors, installing the timers, checking all the dead bulbs that worked last year, and fighting with the ever-aging arms of our artificial tree as he puts "Tab A in Slot B". Or something like that! At any rate, the season is upon us once more, and so far, so good. As we age, we find the holiday changes, or more likely, it's we who do the changing while the holiday remains the same. Families grow up, move away, are separated by time and distance, but the essence remains. With Heather and Dammika living in Michigan, Erlyce's mom and most siblings in Minnesota, Myron's Mom in Fargo and his siblings in North Dakota and other places across the country, and us living in Arizona, it's no longer possible to spend Christmas with them all as we once attempted to do, as much as we would like to!

Actually, as recently as two years ago, I was still spreading myself pretty "thin" (the only thin in our household these days)! We celebrated an early holiday with Heather about a week before Christmas, next had Christmas Eve with Myron, Stephanie, Brian and the girls here in Phoenix, and then flew to Minnesota to be with Mom and Dad on Christmas Day. Last year, we went to Minnesota Dec. 20th, only to find Mom in the hospital. She had been given too much coumadin, (a blood thinner) and was simply covered in purple, green and black and blue bruises! Happily she was released shortly after our arrival and we had a nice Christmas together. We returned to AZ the 26th, and when Heather arrived the 29th, we spent another Christmas with her and Steph and family at the cabin. It was a year of little or no moisture in Arizona, so we didn't have the snow at the cabin we had hoped for, but it was still cool enough to build roaring fires in the big stone fireplace to cozy up to! While Heather was in town, she, Stephanie and I started working on plans for their wedding, checking out cakes, flowers and the site for the reception. The 29th was also the day of Stephanie and Brian's annual Christmas party, and it was so beautiful! That girl knows how to entertain, let me tell you!

January began with a bang! Mom Guenin went to Sioux Falls Jan. 3 to begin a series of tests on her back. She was experiencing a lot of pain, and it was determined that she needed a spinal laminectomy, which was scheduled for mid-February. Myron's duties at work expanded to building a small castle! The tile division of Baker Brothers wanted an unusual display of their tile samples, so Myron built them a castle, complete with turrets and so on, and they finished the entire structure with various tiles. It stands in the window of the Camelback store and has become a recognizable sight for passersby! Stephanie and Brian gave us a weekend trip to San Diego, so we flew out there the end of January over our 35th Anniversary, and saw the sights. In early February, Myron began building a similar castle "playhouse" for MacKenzie and Madison in our back yard. That's a project that has been de-railed a few times, but more about that later. Also, our good friends from Texas, Leanne (Hanson) and David Williamson were in the Phoenix area, so we spent a weekend with them at our cabin. Leanne and I did some walking while David took Myron for some pretty steep climbs around our mountainous terrain in his four-wheel drive vehicle. Not for me! We met with Myron's cousin Lloyd Pekas, his wife Kirstin, and Mom Pekas for a nice brunch at the Gold Canyon Resort east of Apache Junction. Back in Minnesota, my brother Richard took his son Jeff to Fargo where he was inducted into the USAF. On February 12, my brother Dan became a first time father when his wife, Laurie, gave birth to their son, Joseph Ken. Since I already had made plans to fly to Sioux Falls the next day on Feb. 13 to be with Mom as she underwent her surgery, I was fortunate to be able to see both my Mom and new nephew as they were all in the same hospital. While in Sioux Falls, Connie Schander stopped by the hospital, I visited by phone with Myron's cousin Arlene Suurmeier, and my brother Scott and his wife Marilyn came from Baudette, so I was able to visit with them as well. I stayed with Cindi and Mike, and it was so nice to see everyone. Mom came through her surgery as well as she does everything, and was walking in just a few days. However, she stayed with Cindi and Mike until Easter before going back to Baudette to be on her own.

In March, we started "sprucing up the place" in preparation for the rehearsal dinner which we were planning to host in our back yard. My notes say that Myron weeded, planted, fertilized, trimmed, chopped, hauled, and cut back flora and fauna alike early in the month and it was a good thing, because on March 25th, he and his brother Jerry were in a car accident. Jerry had flown in from Nebraska to see Mom Pekas, and Myron had just picked him up from the airport and was bringing him to our house where Jerry was planning to drive the car to Apache Junction. A person running a red light hit them as they turned a corner only a block from our house. I was home, but didn't hear the crash. The first thing I heard was the sound of Myron's voice as he called me from his cell phone inside the wrecked car. I hurried to the scene of the accident and saw our van lying on its side and the guys climbing out of the top of the vehicle to extricate themselves. It was a night of ambulances and emergency rooms, phone calls and all that stuff; no fun. Months later, both brothers are still recuperating and Myron had surgery in June on his shoulder as a result of the accident. It could have been much worse, however, so we thank our lucky stars that it wasn't. We lost a dear friend, Larry Reiling from New Jersey, in a similar accident this year.

On April 4, I surprised Heather and Dammika and flew to Kalamazoo to attend a bridal shower being thrown for them on the 6th by some nurses and friends. It was a great surprise and a lot of fun, and I'm so happy I could attend. I, too, had a surprise when my rental car was struck by a person/persons unknown as it was parked, minding it's own business, in a shopping mall parking lot! It's true, when you've been married 35 years, you DO start to look and act alike! If Myron had a car accident, I had to have one too! I found myself sitting in the back of a cramped squad car giving a police report, feeling as though I had committed some sort of crime! Well, with Dad in law enforcement for so many years, it wasn't an entirely uncomfortable feeling! It probably bordered more on "familiar"! Back in Arizona, Myron returned to work April 11, but really only part-time, and this would continue until his surgery in June. Wedding plans, by this time, were in full swing, and to add to the mix, Stephanie and Brian bought a new house and moved one week before the wedding. The ceremony was held in the back yard of their previous home, so although the contents of most of their household had been removed, there was still enough furniture on the main floor to give the appearance of a home for our guests!! Of course, no wedding is without its stories, and we accumulated plenty of those. Heather was having her wedding dress sewn, and the poor woman making the garment had a stroke before it was complete. Dammika had his own tuxedo, but hadn't tried it on and had lost weight, so one was located for him at the last minute. We had a new air conditioner and heating unit installed just a week before the event. We hired someone to do the last of the yard and pool cleanup, but the night before our outdoor rehearsal dinner, we had a terrible dust storm and it looked like the clean up had never occurred! Luckily, my brother, brother-in-law, and friends took over and had it all looking great again before the rehearsal dinner. The worst "event" was that our 30+ year old home sprung a "slab leak", as they are termed here in AZ, three days before the wedding! We had to keep the hot water turned off, find hotel rooms for those we had planned to stay with us, and boil water when we needed it! Ah, the joys of emergencies. It became funny, however, as things do when they are impossible! With all of those negatives, the positives were rapidly apparent as all of Heather and Dammika's guests flew in to Phoenix without incident, the weather improved dramatically, the wedding site looked like a fairy tale, and the meal and dancing at the Embassy Suites where we held the reception was excellent! MacKenzie and Madison still talk about the wedding dance, and they were dressed in their finery as they carried out their duties as flower girl and ring bearer. Heather and Dammika, married at sunset on April 28th with approximately 50 of their friends and family in attendance, were glowing. An especially meaningful part of the ceremony for me was when they had a taped version of the "Lord's Prayer" played, sung by my Dad, Erle Guenin. My mother, brother Richard, sister Cindi and her husband Mike, and sister Dena and her husband, Kevin and son, Joshua, were there, as well as Myron's mother, his brother Jerry, his sister Charlene from California and our brother-in-law, Vic Tollefson. My best friends, Lynn and Dean Helgeson, drove from Florida where they had been vacationing, to join us, and Helen Lehman and her granddaughter, Jessica, were also in attendance. Of course, Dammika's sister Maithri, his brother Jagath and wife Allison, his Aunt Judy and his mother Manel and father Gasper were all there as well, and it was a wonderful week of family togetherness. After the happy couple left on a honeymoon trip to California, we spent a day with the family at the cabin, an evening at a local ranch here called "Rawhide", and packed in other fun times before everyone headed home. Mom and Richard rented a car one day and drove to the Grand Canyon. Another day, Mom and I drove to Tombstone, AZ and enjoyed the sights there.

The plumbers and their jackhammers arrived in early May to start digging up my kitchen. With older style Saltillo floors to dig through, it was a mess. They finally located the leak and made repairs, much to my relief, but the repair process lasted well into June. Myron had been seeing an ever-increasing number of doctors and having more and more tests, and I kept busy with babysitting the girls on a daily basis, making plans for Mother's Day with Mom Pekas and our families, and worrying about my sister, Mari, who had to undergo surgery in mid-May for a growth in her abdomen. Thankfully, It turned out to be benign, and she spent the next month recovering. In mid-May, Myron's sister, Dorene, flew in from Fargo and began helping Mom Pekas pack her belongings. Finally, after being on a waiting list, an apartment had opened up for Mom in the assisted living facility she had chosen in Fargo, and she was more than ready to move on to the next chapter of her life. Myron also helped, as much as he was able, and Jerry arrived the 20th to drive the moving truck (with Dorene) back to ND. On May 22, I met with Shayne Lehman, his friend Cindy, his mom, Helen Lehman, and his daughters to celebrate the High School graduation of Shayne's daughter, Wendy. Congratulations, Wendy! Mom Pekas stayed with us the rest of the week until they had her place ready, and flew to her new home on May 25th. She loves her new apartment and is happily settling in, with Dorene, her children and family around to help her in many ways. We miss her here, but are happy she's so content in Fargo. Myron spent the last weekend in May in Fargo with his Mom, helping with a few details and seeing her new place.

I'm sure most of you read or heard about the big forest fires raging in the mountains of Arizona this past June & July? They destroyed thousands of acres of beautiful forestlands, but were eventually put out. Luckily for us (this time), the fires were not near our cabin, but we feel for those who lost their homes, belongings or cherished land during that time. On June 1st, my niece Shana and her family moved to England. Steve is a captain in the USAF and they will spend the next three years near London. Their little Sammie will turn two this January. Also on June 1st, we attended a High School graduation party for Brian's daughter, Ashley. She began taking classes at a local community college this fall. We celebrated MacKenzie's 4th birthday with all her "ballerina" friends, and we had a surprise visit that night from Myron's nephew, Spence, when he was in town on business. On June 12, Myron had surgery on his shoulder and spent many weeks convalescing. June 22nd we attended Kenzie's first dance recital; as with all of those "grandparent things", we thought it was just the best!

During Myron's recuperation, we made a previously planned trip to Minnesota over the 4th of July holiday to spend with family. With his arm in a sling, he was FORCED to relax! Stephanie and the girls joined us as we flew to MN June 30th. I was able to spend a few days at Lynn and Dean's cabin with them near Brainerd (and I had a quick visit with my brother Greg and wife Bettye too) while Myron stayed with Steph in the cities and she visited with her college friend, Lori Heidbrink. When Myron and the gang arrived at the cabin, Lynn and I couldn't believe we were watching our five grandchildren and two daughters play together in the lake while we floated nearby! Are we REALLY old enough for this?? From the cabin, we drove over to Fargo where we saw Grandma Pekas and her new apartment, Dorene, Gordie, DeAnn, Paul and their two kids, Tayla and Devin, and then headed up to Baudette and enjoyed a beautiful 4th of July weekend. The fireworks over Baudette Bay were spectacular, and the kids loved the parade down Main Street, just as I did when I was a child. All of my family was there with the exception of Cindi and Mike, who had driven with their daughter Nicole to Alabama where she joined the USAF and enrolled in Officer Training School. It was a good chance to see my brothers Greg, Mick and families too. On the 6th, we surprised my Aunt Gwen (Dad's sister) and Uncle Bob with a 50th wedding anniversary picnic, and our cousin Vicki (who planned the whole thing) and most of her family from the Chicago area celebrated with us. In addition, we finally laid a headstone on our grandmother Victoria Guenin's grave, and had a little family ceremony as we laid the stone. Of course, all of these family events without Dad this year have been difficult, and we miss him terribly, but it's much easier to be brave as we watch Mom's great example. Stephanie's husband, Brian, was to have flown in July 4th to join us, but instead, he ended up having emergency surgery in AZ for diverticulosis. We rushed back to Phoenix, and helped out as we could; Brian may still face additional medical procedures in the new year. Myron spent a few days in Fargo with his Mom and went to Dickinson to settle the last of his Uncle Clarence's estate. The end of July, we spent another weekend at Disneyland, then celebrated Madison's 2nd birthday with a country hoedown "barnyard" party in our back yard, complete with a face painter. In August, Mom Guenin made a trip by car with two lady friends and visited her sister, Pat Storla and family in Idaho. Dammika started a new job with the Target Corporation as a fraud investigator. Heather filled in as Chief Resident for a week, Myron returned to work on a limited basis, and Stephanie and Brian discovered, to their complete surprise, that they were expecting another little one!! This baby, only recently determined to be a little boy, is due in April, around Grandma Pekas' birthday! We're all in a state of delighted shock as we prepare for April! We spent Labor Day weekend in Michigan with Heather & Dammika, the first we'd seen them since their marriage. In a few months, Heather will be applying for a plastics residency, so we're anxious to hear what happens with that. She is rapidly approaching the end of her general surgery residency, with one more year to go.

In September I enjoyed a visit with Suzy Peterson Betts, a "northern" friend I'd known in HS, and I was also able to fly to Alabama the end of the month to attend the commissioning ceremony of my niece, Nicole, from OTC, as a 2nd Lieutenant. Her Mom and Dad were there too, and her sister Shana, and daughter, Sammie, flew in from England to be with her. We had a grand time in the few days we were together. October 1st brought Lynn to Phoenix for a whole week and we traveled a bit, played, and laughed at everything the other one said. I'm sure no one else thinks we're as funny as we think we are!! On November 5th I flew to San Antonio, TX to join Heather where she was attending a medical conference, and Myron joined us on the 7th for a few more days. We really enjoyed seeing the Alamo, the Riverwalk, and spending time in the city Myron and I had honeymooned in nearly 36 years before! We had an early Thanksgiving with Heather in Texas, (we missed you, Dammika!) and then spent the "real one" here in Phoenix with Steph, Brian and family. We have much to be thankful for. Special events on the Pekas side this year include the birth of Gabrielle Kay Jahner on April 8 to Spence and Valerie Jahner in Bozeman, MT, and the marriage of Dustin Pekas to Amanda Abers on June 7 in Christine, ND. Erlyce's Uncle, Les Bergquist, has had some medical concerns so we send prayers his way!

Last night we attended Myron's office Christmas party for Baker Brothers, and had a wonderful time. There have been a lot of changes at Baker Brothers in the past four or five years, so we pray the changes are over and stability will prevail!! As I write, I'm staring at flowering bougainvillea outside my office window but wishing for snow! Myron is mending, we're already making plans for the new year (some of which we hope will include YOU!), and we're looking forward to a two-week visit in January when Erlyce's mom comes to visit. Our photo this year shows us at Heather and Dammika's wedding; Left to right we are: Myron, Erlyce, Dammika, Heather, Mackenzie (4), Stephanie, Madison (2) and Brian. We're both busy with all the events of the season, but never too busy to find time to write to you, to send you our annual Christmas greeting, and to wish you the merriest of Christmases and the happiest of New Years. If you have received this letter, please know that it means, to us, that you are still an important part of our lives. May God bless you and the ones you love, and Merry Christmas! **(New email: erlyce@msn.com)**

Love, Erlyce and Myron

Hoping this finds you well

CHRISTMAS - 2003

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Ah ha! It's the Holiday Season once again!! OK - so far, am I telling you anything that you don't already know?! For some reason, the ENTIRE WORLD knows that Christmas comes in December, the end of December, except me! Thus, every year I use the over-used and lame excuse that *somehow* "it sneaked up on me". I really need to do a little research to discover new & more plausible reasons for being so late with my Christmas greeting cards. The "I'm-getting-older-routine" has had a run for its money, & the "I'm-the-one-who-has-to-do-everything" phrase has been used many times over in this household. (We both say it). Or, as in the same manner that we are told to accept the passing years, I could gracefully say, "better late than never'. And in some cases, you who don't like to read letters would say, "Better never than late"! Whichever category you fall in, make your decision to 'read or not to read', as I once again attempt to fill you in on the Myron & Erlyce Pekas family here in Phoenix, AZ (and our extended family and friends) for the year 2003.

We spent Christmas here in 2002, and a few days later, we got to see our niece, DeAnn Wagenman and her two children, Tayla and Devin, when they came to Arizona to spend some time with DeAnn's Dad, Vic Tollefson. He was trying out the "Arizona Snowbird" thing, and found he liked it! Myron even talked him into giving him a hand at work for a few days, and they had some laughs. (So, Vic, NOW you can stop reading!) Heather and Dammika spent the holidays with his parents in Sioux Falls. It was also difficult to not see my mother at Christmas, but we made up for it by her visit to Arizona January 11th through the 26th. For the most part, we just enjoyed the grandkids, saw a play ("South Pacific"), celebrated Myron's 63rd birthday, and picked oranges off our trees, but we also took a little vacation. Mom and I flew to Orange County, CA on the 16th and took in DisneyLand and Knott's Berry Farm for a couple of days. (We used those little carts at both amusement parks, and it was a great energy-saving experience!) The same weekend, Myron went to Fargo to spend some time with his mom and family, and my sister Dena and her husband Kevin, vacationed in Florida for a week. Late in uary, my niece (Jennifer Guenin) officially joined the US Army and started her basic training. We also had some nice dinner visits with friends Edith and Si Knobloch (from Sioux Falls) and Leanne and David Williamson (from Texas) who were visiting the desert southwest.

On February 2nd, we flew to the Big Island of Hawaii where we stayed with our friends, Lynn and Dean Helgeson for a week. During our visit, we celebrated our 36th anniversary, and we all met with Myron's cousin Leonard Gion, and his wife, Mary, who live there. We really enjoyed our time there.....at one point, Leonard took Myron and Dean to a scenic valley in his 4-wheel drive pickup, and they had a good time. Myron and I hadn't been to Hawaii for many years so this was really special for us.....Thanks, Mom, Lynn and Dean for your part in helping make it happen. Myron headed to Kalamazoo to help Heather and Dammika work on their house shortly after our return from Hawaii....they're still remodeling the basement. ✓We got the sad news that Jennifer and Jeffrey Guenin's mom, Eva Johnson, died in Canada February 16th, from complications of multiple schlerosis. Both Jennifer and Jeff were able to get emergency leave from their respective military bases to be with her when she passed away. A burial and memorial service for Eva was held later in the summer. We will miss her. A late February surgery for our son-in-law, Brian, put him back together 'good-as-new' and I helped with the babysitting so Steph could spend time with him. Meanwhile, Heather and Dammika were once again on the interview trail, looking for the place she wanted to go next. She's decided to pursue plastic surgery, and after many interviews and frequent trips, she tried for Omaha, and got it. She will graduate from her surgery residency in June, 2004, and they'll move to Omaha for two years right after that. Our good friend, Jack Gill, came to AZ with his local PVA chapter and we were able to take him up to our cabin in Strawberry, AZ for a little while. It had just snowed (about 2 feet!) so we had quite a time making our way into the cabin, but we got some beautiful photos out of it too. More importantly, Erlyce got her snow fix!

arch came in like a lion, and we got some much-needed rain here in the valley. Erlyce's high school friend, Sue (Hedman) Gronberg and her husband, Doug, passed through and stayed a night with us. We enjoyed your visit! Two days later a baby

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shower for Stephanie was held at her home, with friends and neighbors in attendance. Our niece, Brittany Tayrien, starred as "Eliza Doolittle" in her high school play back in Sioux Falls, SD, & our niece, Michelle Guenin, had a fun spring break trip in Florida with her friends. With "Operation Iraqi Freedom" in place, our niece Shana made the decision to leave their home in England and come back to the states with her daughter, Samantha, for a few months. Steve was serving in the theatre of operations & ended up being there until sometime in July. Many thanks to you, Steve, and to all our military for the sacrifices they make on our behalf. On the 30th, we had breakfast with Myron's niece, Shemayne (Jahner) McCarthy who was in town for a family wedding on her husband's side. She was also pregnant at the time, and she and Stephanie had a good time making some comparisons! Thanks for calling us, Shemayne. A few days later I was shocked & delighted to get a phone call from my sister, Mari, who was in Phoenix on a business trip. It was kind of last-minute, so she had waited to call me until she knew she would have time to spend with us. Myron & I went to her hotel that night for a short visit, & we managed to squeeze in a few more short visits until her departure again on the 4th of April. The 4th turned out to be a momentous day; Stephanie gave birth in the evening hours to their son, Conner Alexander Ritscher. The same day, in the morning, I finally got myself to a doctor and found out I was diabetic. I've gotten the disease under control, and am feeling pretty good. A 40-pound weight loss has helped, and I spent a lot of time swimming this summer for exercise. It seems it takes a **thunk** on the head to make a person behave, so I've been duly **thunked**! The best part of the day, though, was Conner's appearance in this world. He's already 9 months old, & we all just love him to pieces. We celebrated Easter here, with 3 year old Madison hitting her head in church (on the sharp pointed wooden box that held the hymnals on the back of the pew) and causing quite a ruckus with a stitch-needing injury. Thankfully, a woman doctor stepped out of the church to help us. Maddy could probably have used stitches, but the doctor said head wounds always bleed a lot, & since the cut was under her hair on the back of her head, it was probably just as well to let it go. She looked pretty wild by the time we got to our house to hunt for Easter eggs! Heather and Dammika arrived for a week-long visit the 27th of April, and celebrated their first anniversary here. We also had a chance to go up to the cabin for a few days, where they enjoyed the woods & the trails on ATV's. It was great to have them here.

In May, we had graduations galore, with Myron's sister-in-law Lori Pekas graduating with a business degree in Colorado, Erlyce's nieces Melissa Guenin and Brittany Tayrien graduating from HS, and Erlyce's niece Katy Guenin graduating as a dental hygenist in Minnesota. On the 22nd, all of us "Arizonians" flew to Fargo, ND to join most of Myron's family in celebrating his mother's 90th birthday. Agnes Pekas is the youngest 90-year old I've ever seen; she has an enviable blood pressure, wears teeny weenie clothes, walks a mile a day, and was feted and celebrated for three days over Memorial Day weekend. Many, many thanks to Dorene and DeAnn for all their hard work.....putting us up, feeding us, and probably putting UP with us! There were over 90 members of Agnes' immediate family in attendance; what a fun time. I know Stephanie had a great opportunity to catch up with her cousins, and Myron was able to indulge in some serious card playing! While we were all together, we received the good news that Shemayne and Kevin MaCarthy had their son, Aiden Anthony McCarthy, born May 23rd. Some of Erlyce's family passed through Fargo on their way back to their own homes that weekend, so we were able to see Greg, Bettye, Danny, Cindi, Mike, Shana, and Samanatha too, and had a nice lunch together before they went on their way. They brought Mom with them, and she stayed with me at Dorene's place for a night. The next day, Mom and I took off on a little trip ourselves, using Dorene's car, while Myron flew back to Arizona with Stephanie and Brian. We stopped in Hawley, MN to see Erlyce's friend, Jane (Curtis) Feigum where she works as a pharmacist at the local drug store. From there, we went to Holdingford, MN where we stayed a night with Erlyce's brother, Micky and his wife, Pat. They showed us the rental property that they had just purchased and I hear they spent most of the summer working on it, getting it ready for renters. It was very nice. Leaving Holdingford, we headed north to Baudette, stopping in Bemidji at my friend, Lynn's school, where we chatted for a short time. I had a couple of good days in Baudette, where I was able to see my sister, Dena and her husband, Kevin and son Josh, and my brother Scott and his wife, Marilyn. (I missed my brother, Richard, who was attending Jennifer's graduation from basic training with the US Army.) Kevin and Dena were just installing their new spa, so I expect to have a good soak the next time I'm up there!! We had a typical Minnesota "weenie roast" in their yard the last night I was there.....weenies, "smore's", chips, pop, mosquitoes, and bug lotion! I loved it! I got back to Fargo just in time to return Dorene's car and catch my flight back to Phoenix. Sorry to those I missed; I would loved to have seen you.

June brought us MacKenzie's 5th birthday - a "pretend" sleepover. Our niece, Jennifer, married her love Dekran "Doobie" Baltaian in a civil ceremony in the Bahamas on the 14th of June. Congratulations to you both! Congrats, also, to Jason (Myron's nephew) and Cia Gronnberg on the birth of their son, Jaxon Dominic on June 26th. We attended MacKenzie's dance recital.....she was a crocodile.....so cute. Madison is taking dance now too, so next year they'll both be in the program. Maddy's 3rd birthday party took place July 13th, with an "ice cream social" theme.....MMmmmm! A weekend later, Stephanie and Brian invited us to join them for a weekend at our local Pointe Hilton Resort. Ashley joined us too, and we all spent most of the very hot weekend in the pool! We had a nice time; thanks, kids! Mid-month Myron and I took MacKenzie and Madison to a dinner theatre production of "The Wizard Of Oz". Maddy LOVED the cowardly lion and waited by the backstage door for him to come out and greet her.....but, I guess he was "too cowardly", and broke her little heart by not appearing! July also brought Shana's return to England and a reunion with her husband, Steve.

We celebrated Stephanie's August birthday at our house with pizza and cake, and on the 7th Myron flew to Denver where he stayed with his brother, Loren, and wife, Lori. Together, they attended the wedding of Myron's niece, Jennifer Pekas (Dwayne and Jane's daughter) to Jerry Wilson on August 10th. Loren, who had been taking chemo treatments, wasn't up to attending the ceremony, but he has been doing so well since that time that we are grateful he's enjoying such a positive reaction to the treatments. Way to go, Loren! Please keep Loren in your prayers. Shortly after Myron's return from Denver, we had a water main breakage in our yard, and had to tend to that. Much digging and the hiring of a plumber later, we DIDN'T have a problem any longer. After discovering an un-used "free" airline ticket in my files, (Heaven forbid!!) Erlyce made a quick trip to Baudette August 21-25th. Mom and I attended the county fair, saw my siblings again (including Richard!), and attended a country church service at "Wabanica", where my niece Melissa Guenin was singing. It was a fun trip, made more enjoyable by being spontaneous and unplanned. I returned to Phoenix through Bemidji, where I spent a day with Lynn. On the 27th, Myron and I both flew to Kalamazoo, MI to spend Labor Day weekend with Heather and Dammika. We helped with their garage sale (scaling down in preparation of their move), I did a lot of cleaning, and Myron completed nearly all the work in their basement. Back in Phoenix, I enjoyed a two-hour visit with my Minnesota friend, Suzy Betts.

September brought both MacKenzie and Madison back to pre-school; Kenz now attends five mornings a week and Maddy, two. They both love it there. We spent a couple of weekends in September helping pack up the Strawberry cabin, which was sold to some "horse people". A devastating bark beetle infestation took over half the trees on the property, and with the lack of moisture there, the writing was on the wall that we would lose more. Brian (who is now our hero!) talked us all into selling the Strawberry cabin but buying a new cabin in Overgaard, AZ, about 1,000 feet higher and another hour's drive from here. It's really nice, has more than one bathroom, and we were settled in it before Thanksgiving. Being higher, we can expect more snow and rain, which is what we want. September ALSO brought us some more wonderful news; Heather and Dammika announced that they were 10 weeks pregnant, and they are expecting their first child, a boy, in April, 2004. This was MOST welcome news, and they are so excited, as are we. I'm sure that having a baby in her last year of residency will be a challenge, but they are up to it. They insist the timing is excellent, as Heather is serving as Chief Resident now and her duties, although heavily responsible at times, are also more flexible. We couldn't be happier for you two - Congratulations! Additionally, we got the news that two more nieces, Jennifer Baltaian and Terre' Guenin, were going to be first time moms - Jennifer is also due in April, and Terre' just had her little girl, Victoria (Tori) Allison on October 24th. Tori's birth makes Erlyce's brother Greg, and his wife, Bettye, first time grandparents. More congratulations to all of you! Heather and Dammika flew to Arizona the 25th in order for Heather to serve as godmother at Conner's baptism, along with Cathy McKinney, Brian's sister. It was a really nice family weekend, but all too short. We also got the news that Erlyce's brother, Danny, and his wife, Laurie, had sold their house in Sioux Falls. They moved to Branson, MO where Dan works for the city of Branson. They're now further away from most of Dan's family, but are now fairly close to Laurie's sister in Springfield. And hey, I've always wanted to visit Branson! We wish you well in your new home! This year, our nephew Jeff Guenin, spent Thanksgiving with them. Jeff drove from where he's stationed in nearby Oklahoma City, for the holiday. Laurie's daughter, Brittany, is preparing to attend BYU in Utah winter semester. Melissa Guenin began her first year as a student at BSU in Bemidji, MN. Good luck to both of you girls!

October 2nd, my best friend, Lynn and her mother Ruth, arrived in Phoenix, bringing Erlyce's Mom, Herzele, with them. The next day, we four gals flew to California, where we boarded a Carnival Cruise Ship in Long Beach and cruised to Ensenada, Mexico and back. It was just a short, three day cruise, but long enough for our moms to decide if they liked cruising. They didn't. They LOVED IT!! We did it all, from bargain shopping in Mexico, to late night midnight buffets, to a little slot machine action and Las Vegas style nightly entertainment on board. You've heard the phrase "EYES AS BIG AS SAUCERS"? That was us. Upon our return to Long Beach, we took a day to drive the California coast as far as San Diego, lunch and shopping at Seaport Village, then back to catch our flight to AZ. It was a wonderful "mother-daughter" adventure that gladdened our hearts and depleted our pocketbooks! Lynn and Ruth spent a few more days in Phoenix, returning to MN on the 9th, but Mom stayed with us until the 18th, which was great! We celebrated her 82nd birthday, toured a Dairy Farm with the pre-school kids, and visited on evening with our good friend, Mary Reiling and her daughter Shelley and granddaughter, Julie, from New Jersey and Omaha, respectively. Mary was here on business and brought some of her family to enjoy it with her. It sure was good to see you all again! Mom also ended up having dinner with the mayor of Phoenix - ask her about that one sometime! In October during Mom's stay, we started noticing the lack of mail in our mailbox outside of our home, and discovered much to our dismay, that a thief had been getting it, not us. So you'll find a change of address note in this envelope. We spent the remainder of October moving into the newly built cabin and enjoying Halloween with "Cinderella", "Snow White" and "pumpkin baby"!! They had so much fun on Halloween this year! Their costumes, hand picked by their Dad, really fit their personalities... Kenzie, all blonde, prim, and Cinderella-ish, and Maddy, our tough little Snow White! Able to fell a wicked stepmother in a single bound! Conner, well, he's too young to decide yet!

In early November we celebrated Ashley's 20th birthday with her and her family and friends; she's all grown up now! Ashley is currently working in a manager's position at McDonald's and taking a few part-time college classes. On the 23rd, we attended the marriage blessing of Shayne and Cindy Lehman in Payson, AZ. Shayne, Lee's younger brother, lives in Phoenix and he and Cindy were married this summer in St. Thomas. However, they restated their vows in Cindy's father's church in Payson, and we were happy to attend. Shayne's oldest daughter, Jessica, was present and Helen Lehman (Shayne's Mom) was there with her friend, Al. We had a nice time catching up with Helen and Al as we drove them first to see our cabin, and then back to Phoenix to catch their shuttle to Tucson where they both live. Thanks for inviting us!

We experienced a "senior moment" this year and have begun working on our wills, which I can tell you is NOT a fun process. I guess there's a time to be practical and a time for fun. (I prefer Fun!) Myron continues to work with Stephanie as her installer; her business has been exploding and the more she works, the more Myron and I work. still provide full time day care for all three little ones, and nowadays my job description includes "transportation director" as I shuttle the girls back and forth (with Conner in tow) from school to home, to my place, to dance lessons and swimming. It keeps me busy and out of trouble, the latter being the most important! We just helped this weekend with a luncheon Stephanie had at her home for 20 school board members; she's on the board as well. Next weekend she and Brian are hosting a Holiday Party for 150 people at their home, so there's been a flurry of preparations, and we usually are a part of that. Last night was a toy party at a friend's house, and the night before we attended the Baker Brothers/Super Floors party. Both Myron and Brian work for SuperFloors. Heather reports that she and Dammika, too, have been making the holiday rounds, attending one party after another. They've made some nice friends during their five years in Michigan. Soon they will be selling their home and moving - another example of how our lives always change, as do yours. And that's why we always hope to hear from you at this time of year, to catch up on your life changes as you catch up on ours.

There will be an Air Force Base Reunion (the 692nd Radar Squadron) in Baudette this coming summer, 2004, over the 4th of July weekend, so some of you may want to attend that. And it's never too early to announce that we'll be having our Baudette HS class of '65 reunion the July 4th weekend of 2005. I haven't yet checked with the other classes, but I think it will probably be another "triple", including the classes of 1964 and 1966. Mark it, please!

With a sigh of relief, I've reached the end of my letter. You're sighing too, I'm sure. It sometimes makes us tired to live it, but also to write about it. I do feel, however, that being busy keeps us young and off the couch. And that's a good thing. A friend wrote and said it might be a "point and click" Christmas to her "dear undisclosed recipients" this year, but we welcome any form of communication from you. (Kudos to Judy for that really funny line!) Our email remains **erlyce@msn.com**; please send us yours. We'll be spending Christmas 2003 in Michigan with Heather and Dammika, with plans for a later Christmas and New Year's celebration at the cabin with Stephanie and her family when we return. We'll miss everyone we can't be with this year, but you're in our hearts. Love to you and yours, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We remain, Erlyce & Myron

This quote sums up our feelings about Christmas cards……."There was a lady in the state hospital. She carried the card a friend of ours sent to her in a little draw-string bag and during the entire Christmas season, she would stop people and say, "Look at my Christmas card. The lady I worked for sent it to me. I'm not forgotten." We heard later that card, the only one she received, was the beginning of her recovery. *- - Reamer Kline.*

A "Merry Christmas Song" from Erlyce and Myron - 2004

(sing to whatever tune you can make it work with!)

Hurry, scurry, I'm in such a flurry,
Want to get my letter done.
Dates and names are entered now,
What remains is "where and how,"
And then we'll have some Christmas fun.

Hustle, bustle, I think I've pulled a muscle,
Writing of our past year's lives.
Memories are fading fast,
But printing makes them last and last
Until the 25th arrives!

Donging, dinging, Christmas bells are ringing,
Sounding out their Yuletide Joy!
(If we never see another tree,
An ornament or Christmas tea,
My man will be a happy boy! ☺

Parties, presents, wrapping all those presents,
Makes us rushed and oh, so tired.
But the little ones have such a ball,
It's merriment for one and all.
Next year I know we'll be rehired!

Busy, busy, yes we're oh so busy,
We catch an "Air-O-Plane" next week,
To Minnesota we will go,
Hopefully to see some snow,
Of work and such we will not speak.

Merry, Christmas, Merry Christmas Blessings
To you and yours and those so meek,
We wish you well,
And a glad Noel,
With the New Year's Happiness you seek.

This is the 57th Christmas of my life and Myron's 64th, but I think despite our *advanced ages*, it promises to be the best one we've ever had! Of course, that's the expression my Mom always used each year when she saw her Christmas tree lit for the first time. "It's the prettiest tree we've ever had!" she would exclaim. The tree, usually chopped down in the forest by my Dad, would sometimes be fresh, but oftentimes by the time it was put up in the house, lit and decorated, it would be on the dry side and needles would adorn the floor more than the branches. None-the-less, we could count on Mom to proclaim that it was the best………in fact, we waited for that moment each year! This year we are going to Baudette for the holidays once more, and Stephanie, Brian and their children will be able to join us. I'm so looking forward to it, but the down side is that Heather and family will not be able to come too. Heather is the "new guy" now in her residency program in Omaha, and can't get the time off. However, I want to listen to Mom read the Christmas story from the Bible, go to church and see friends, old and new. I want to walk on new snow that crunches and sparkles in the streetlights, sing Christmas carols with my brother Micky at the piano, and maybe get lucky and see some Northern Lights in the Minnesota sky! No doubt we will be crowded in Mom's little house and it will be cold, and for fun we'll imitate my sister Cindi on the correct way to tie shoelaces, but it will be a shot in my arm to be there. I'm also anxious to have MacKenzie, Madison and Conner experience a "Minnesota Christmas" with us. The girls have already made a list of all the "snow" activities they want to do!!

Holiday Greetings

Last year we went to Michigan for Christmas with Heather and Dammika. I flew out earlier than Myron and although Dammika had to work, Heather and I attended Christmas Eve services together. The small church we went to felt very much like "home", with a small, friendly congregation and a robed choir who sang "O Holy Night" with gusto! It brought back many fond memories! Heather and Dammika were 6 months pregnant with their baby at the time, so we took fun pictures and dreamed of the day he would arrive. When Myron and I returned from Michigan, we celebrated another Christmas with Steph and family at the cabin, our first spent there. On New Year's Day, Myron flew to Fargo to surprise his mom with a long weekend visit, and saw his sisters Dorene and Charlene as well. I was thrilled because we drove through a blizzard in the mountains on our way back to Phoenix on Jan. 3rd! Our cabin in Overgaard, AZ is about 1,000 feet higher than the old one, so we get snow more often and it's more plentiful. Love it!

In January 2004, we lost my Uncle Les Bergquist, my Aunt Phyllis' husband. Several of my family members were able to attend the funeral, although I was not. We will miss you, Les. Later in the month, my school friend, Cindy (Hanson) Stange called from Green Valley, AZ (south of Tucson). She was attending to the estate of her parents and asked us to visit for the weekend, which we did, and had a good time. We also stopped to see Helen Lehman in Tucson briefly on our way home. Our friend, Jack Gill, was in town for a PVA trap shoot tournament and I visited with him for a short time on Super Bowl Sunday. The same weekend, we visited Myron's cousin, Arlene and her friend Clarence who were wintering in Apache Junction, and we had dinner with Myron's brother, Jerry, who was in town on business. In mid-February, Mom Pekas and Myron's sister Dorene came to Phoenix for a weeklong visit. They spent the weekends with us and the weekdays in Apache Junction visiting Mom's friends at Golden Vista Resort. On Valentine's weekend, Stephanie prepared a great dinner for us all, and the girls dressed up in their "finery"! They loved having great-grandma here. On the second weekend of their visit, we took them up to the cabin, making a game out of our trip. I wrote a poem with clues as to what our next stop would be, and I had little gifts for Mom to open at each leg of the journey......it was a lot of fun! Toward the end of the month, we went with our friends David and Leanne Williamson (from Texas) to Tucson where we were dinner guests of an old mutual friend, John Condiss. I had been looking for John for many years, as he had been stationed at the Baudette Air Force Base in the 60's and the woman organizing the Air Force Reunion had asked for help in this regard. When John, an ex-policeman, asked how I had found him, I replied "I just googled you!" The Internet is quite a tool! We had a wonderful evening, laughing and carrying on to the extent that one of John's steady customers at his Greek restaurant was prompted to say, "We want whatever THEY are having!"

By March 9th, we were already using our air conditioner as it was getting hot here. Steph, Conner and I flew to Michigan March 19th, meeting Mom in Minneapolis who joined us. (Richard, then Greg, and finally Mick and Pat formed a "relay" to get Mom to the Twin Cities to meet our flight!) The baby shower, held at the home of a nurse, was wonderful and we were so happy to be there. Mom returned to Phoenix with me and we did several things during her stay; went to the cabin, to a play, met her good friends Merrill and Pearl Miller (from Minneapolis, but wintering in Tucson) and attended Conner's first birthday party the day before Mom flew home. She was also here with us when the wonderful news came by phone that Heather and Dammika's X son, Kaden Wilson Karu, was born on April 2nd. Dammika's parents were able to be there with them, and they sent us email pictures right away so we could see our newest grandchild! April was a busy month; our son-in-law, Brian, ended up in the hospital on April 5th and had surgery again, this time due to scar tissue from his previous surgery. He said it was a piece of cake; he was released from the hospital the day after Easter in the morning and went straight to work! Mom, who had gone to South Dakota with Cindi and Mike when she left here, headed back to Baudette for a few days, then left again April 17th for Alabama with Richard to be with Richard's daughter, Jennifer, when she and her husband had their baby boy. Andrew Cory Baltaian was N born April 29th, making Richard a first-time grandfather. The 17th of April brought another very sad time to Myron's family when Myron's brother, Loren Pekas, died of cancer. He left his wife, Lori, five children and several grandchildren and he will be missed so much by us all. We drove to Denver for the funeral, and were able to see all the family. No one likes to see people on sad occasions, but at the same time, it's good to see family. I even was able to see an old roommate of mine from 1966, Marie (Kjos) McGinnity. Marie and her family live in a Denver suburb, and she saw the funeral announcement in the newspaper so drove over for the viewing. Marie and I had lived together for about 6 months in my first apartment in Fargo, ND before I was married. The end of April, Brittany Tayrien, my brother Danny's stepdaughter, flew into Phoenix to visit her Aunt and we drove out to Mesa one evening to see her for a while. We also got to see my sister-in-law, Laurie X (Dan's wife, Brittany's Mom), Laurie's Mom, and our nephew, Joey when they flew to Phoenix about the same time. On the 30th of April, we FINALLY got to fly to Michigan to meet precious little Kaden! Myron had to leave before I did, and during my time with them, I helped out a little, took lots of pictures, and was able to be there for Mother's Day.

We got the flu out of the way in time to fly back to Michigan on June 2nd to attend Heather's graduation from her surgical residency. It was a wonderful evening, with a dinner and a roast for Heather and her associate resident, Omar. After that, we spent a few days helping them pack for their move to Omaha, where Heather had been selected to participate in a two-year plastic surgery residency. They sold their home to a nice young couple, & Myron stayed behind to help them load and drive the rental truck to Omaha. He missed Mackenzie's 6th Birthday party, but it was one of those times where, talented as he is, he couldn't be in two places at one time! Another family birth was Payten Wilson, born to Jennifer (Myron's niece) and Jerry Wilson on June 4th in North Carolina where they are stationed with the military. It seemed Myron was barely back in Phoenix, when we left again on June 25th for Minneapolis, then rented a car and drove to Omaha to see Heather and Dammika's place. After a few days in Omaha, we spent a few more days in Sioux Falls, then on to Fargo for a day, and on to Baudette, stopping in Thief River Falls, MN to see my Aunt Gwen, Uncle Bob and Cousin Vicki, who was there from Chicago. Over the 4th, all my siblings were there, including my brother Dan and his family from Missouri, whom I hadn't seen for a long time. We also attended the 692nd Radar Squadron Air Force Reunion. Although Myron was never in the service, he enjoyed the reunion and got a big kick out of it when other men would ask him, "How long did YOU serve, Myron?" to which he would reply, "I've been serving Erlyce now for 37 years!" We got to spend a night with Lynn and Dean and arrived back in Phoenix just in time for Maddy's 4th birthday party. Later in the month we spent time with DeAnn and Paul Wagenman, (Myron's niece) and their family when they passed through Phoenix on their summer vacation.

The airlines made a LITTLE profit this year, just with all of our running around. We all flew to Sioux Falls again the early part of August for Kaden's baptism at St. Mary's Church. Dammika's Mom, Manel, was hospitalized a long time this summer, so having the baptism in Sioux Falls made it easier for some of that side of the family to attend. Mom and Richard came from Baudette, Mari, Steven and Sarah came from Redwood Falls, MN, Dorene brought Agnes from Fargo, and with Cindi's family in attendance as well as Dammika's family and some friends, we had a nice turnout. Thanks, Cindi and Mike, for hosting all of us! Before heading back to Phoenix, I took senior pictures of both Shaun and Steven, which was fun! We spent a weekend in August with Stephanie and family at the Pointe Hilton Resort here in Phoenix (their treat in exchange for babysitting!), and also brunched with Shayne and Syndi Lehman. Steph and I also took the two girls to see the play "Grease" downtown and they dressed the part and won the "costume contest". They were "Sandy", before & after! My Aunt Phyllis moved to Baudette in August to be nearer to her son Kim and his family, and is living at Northwood Commons Apartments. I enjoy visiting with her often by phone.

My Mom and Cindi flew to England for two weeks in September to be there when Camryn Dougherty was born X to Shana and Steve on the 16th. Congratulations to you all! Myron got a different work van that he loves, and I got a different car too. (Does a red van sound like me?!) The Fall brought more company; Heather, Dammika and Kaden came for Labor Day weekend (which we happily spent at the cabin up north - this year's photo was taken there), and Lynn arrived the 30th of September and stayed a little over a week, which was great. Lynn and I spent the first weekend at the cabin, while Myron went to Denver to attend his nephew

Scott Pekas' wedding to Nicole Lovato. Returning to Phoenix, we took over full time care of Kenz, Maddy & Conner when Steph and Brian went to New York City for their 8th Anniversary. Lynn and I also went to Tucson to attend the 10th Reunion of the VSPA (Vietnam Security Police Association) as their guests, along with Mrs. Lehman. This national group meets once a year, and this year it just happened to be in Tucson. Myron graciously took a day off and babysat for me as we women attended the graveside memorial service held in Lee's honor. Such a nice tribute, 38+ years later. Over 200 members of the VSPA attended the service, and from there, we toured Davis/Monthan AFB and the Pima Air Museum. The 3-day reunion was very special to us, and with Brian's sister Cathy taking over childcare, Myron was able to join us Saturday for the banquet and the Sunday Morning Memorial Breakfast. At this reunion, I was finally able to meet my longtime "pen pal", Hector Ramos, who really planned and executed this whole event, and the VSPA President, Steve Gattis, Duke Windsor (a Binh Thuy pal of Lee's) as well as many others too numerous to mention. We made wonderful new friends, and hope to attend other VSPA events to see you again!

We managed to see Heather, Dammika and Kaden one more time this year as they passed through Phoenix on their way to San Francisco to a medical conference. They flew Southwest, had "plane trouble", so were stuck (if you want to call it that!) here in Phoenix for several hours. It was great to see Kaden again; he's such a handsome little boy and we sure do love and miss him! We celebrated Ashley's 21st birthday with a party hosted by Stephanie and Brian, and had more company. My good friend Patti (Bottelberghe) Kristensen spent 3 days with us and we also were able to meet her good friend, Linda. Wonderful to have you here! We also spent a few hours with Myron's sister, Charlene, at her hotel in downtown Phoenix where she was conducting a seminar. Always good to see you, too, Charlene. In November, Heather happily passed her boards! YAY!!

Now that December is here, we've been doing all that the season requests of us; We've attended some parties; Steph and Brian's annual party was beautiful - waiters serving hors-d'oeuvres, caterers, huge poinsettia plants, 16' high Christmas tree, twinkly lights everywhere.....our one dress-up affair of the year!! We went to see the "Zoo Lights", attended the Christmas concert of the Phoenix Symphony and will be going to the girls' dance recital this weekend. Our health is okay and our stamina is regressing, but our attitudes are good! We both still work more than full-time; Myron for Baker Brothers & Ritscher Designs, and Erlyce for Ritscher Designs and a new volunteer position (only two days a month) for the Capital Litigation Division of the Arizona Attorney General's Office in downtown Phoenix. As much as I love our grandchildren, I sometimes need to flex my mental muscles a little to keep the brain waves going, and this job promises to do that, and much more!

With four, possibly five family weddings in the summer of 2005, my 40th class reunion in Minnesota over the 4th of July weekend, and Stephanie's 20th class reunion in Sioux Falls two weeks later, the new year promises to be as active as ever! It really helps to have Heather and family now in Omaha, since they can drive a mere 3 hours and are in Sioux Falls. (The happily-engaged couples are Nicole Drummond and Jim Craig, Dane Tollefson and Jodi Klug, Justin Pekas and Tammy McKinney, Jeff Gronneberg and Lisa Bakko, and Melissa Guenin and Dustin Solar) I will be going back to Baudette January 7-11 to be with my mom as she undergoes hip replacement surgery in Bemidji, Minnesota. Knowing Mom, with her cheerful outlook, she will recover quickly. (In fact, at 83 she's still dangerously close to being called an eternal optimist!!) Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. Myron will be going to Fargo the same weekend to spend some time with his own Mom and Dorene. Mom Pekas continues to be in pretty good health for age 91, and is very active.

Our most sincere holiday wishes to you, your families and loved ones. We hope the warmth and love of the Season and the birth of the Christ Child will extend into your everyday lives and fill your hearts and lives with joy. We'll be out there, doing what we love best; spending time with our families, and hoping to hear from you. erlyce@msn.com

Erlyce and Myron

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Holiday Greetings from the Pekas'

It's December, 2005, and instead of sleigh bells ringing, I hear the prancing and pawing of the neighbor's cat breaking into my back yard! (AGAIN!!) No snow, no ice, we planted flowers and winter grass two weeks ago and they are all flourishing. Nonetheless, (with urging from Stephanie – "Mom, you HAVE to put up a Christmas tree!!"), we are up and at 'em, decorating for the holidays with the best of them. Two Christmas trees (yes, plural) went up a few days ago, and on Friday, Myron dragged out the boxes from the garage marked "good Christmas decorations."(I wonder what the alternative is?) We got through the ordeal known as 'the putting-on-of-the-rotten-tree-lights-that-never-light-up-the-next-year' by hiring a friend's friend to come over to do it for us. We figured if she scowled and was frustrated, we would just continue to drink our hot cider and could always turn up the Christmas music on the boom box to overshadow anything unseemly that she might say! Well, she did just fine!! It looks good, it only took a day (instead of weeks, as it usually does) and Myron didn't even have to put on his "BAH HUMBUG" hat at all this year, not even once! Thanks, Reaghan! I STILL yearn for snow, but it's not to be this year, as we will be spending Christmas in Phoenix. (One man's or woman's trash is another's treasure, you know!) We hope this letter finds you baking cookies or spending all your money on your grandkids, perhaps wrapping gifts, attending that special Christmas program, writing cards, playing "The Grinch", or skiing the alps.....whatever means Christmas to you!

We spent Christmas in Baudette last year, and had a merry time! The weather was dutifully cold and snowy, Mom's tree WAS the best one she'd ever had, and we sang Christmas carols until we were hoarse. Returning to Phoenix via Minneapolis, I chose to be "bumped" while the rest of the family flew back to AZ without me. I ended up staying in a Mpls. hotel for two nights, had meal vouchers, and all the time in the world to unwind, send out those last minute cards, and even take in a play at the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre. Brian, Steph and Myron all thought I was nuts, but I thoroughly enjoyed my "down time"! I joined the family for New Year's at the cabin, where we enjoyed snow once more. The free ticket came in handy, as I flew back to Bemidji on Jan. 7th to be with Mom for her hip replacement surgery on the 10th. Dena and Micky joined me in Bemidji, and made sure Mom got home OK again when she was released. Myron spent that same weekend in Fargo with his Mom and sister, enjoying their company. As I was flying back to AZ and was between flights in Minneapolis, Dammika called me with the terrible news that his dear father, Gasper, had been killed in a car accident in Aberdeen, SD. I canceled my flight, spent the night with my cousin Kelly Storla and his family, rented a car and drove to Sioux Falls the next day. I stayed long enough to attend Gasper's funeral on the 15th, and flew home on the 16th. We join Gasper's wife Manel, his children Maithri, Dammika and Jagath and their families in mourning the tragic loss of their loved one.

On Myron's 65th birthday at the end of January, we drove to Avila Bay, CA on the California coast (It's fairly close to Hearst Castle, San Simeon, etc....) and stayed at a timeshare for five days. This location was very peaceful, and we enjoyed some simple pleasures; walking on the beach, viewing the elephant seals at Piedras Blancas as they migrated during their birthing season, and checking out quaint little villages in the surrounding area. We also celebrated our 38th wedding anniversary at the end of the month. In early February, we flew to Omaha for a long weekend to spend time with Heather, Dammika and Kaden. So soon after Gasper's death, it was a melancholy trip, but still we were able to get to know our 4th grandchild a bit better! He is such a dear, and we treasured our time together. On Feb. 11, Myron's niece, Nikki Weisgerber, gave birth to her daughter, Chloe Kristine, in Washington State. CONGRATULATIONS!! Myron's sister Charlene was in Phoenix on business, and we were able to have dinner with her one evening, and my HS friend Geri (Levasseur) Rainbolt and her daughter, Krista, joined me for lunch at Stephanie's home one afternoon. We had such a good time catching up. I continued my practice of doing volunteer work at the Attorney General's office every other Friday until life got too busy in the spring, and I have yet to get back to it. I DO miss it, but something had to go, and that was it. In late February, I began gearing up with my work on the triple class reunion for my high school.....classes of 1964, 1965, and 1966. (It was my 40th) At the same time, Stephanie was working on her 20th class reunion, so between the two of us, we were practically running a little investigative agency on the side!

March came in like a lamb, and we filled the month with plays ("The Wizard of Oz", "Sleeping Beauty" and the like with the grandchildren, and "Barrage" at the Orpheum), and meeting friends like Ramie Knudson and Lettie Michaels for lunch. Myron replaced the ceiling on the back patio and repaired the garage door (that's the mundane stuff!) For excitement, we managed to finish up our tax papers BEFORE the deadline (always a good thing) and we learned that Heather had interviewed with and had signed a contract with a hospital in Sioux Falls. She finishes her residency in Omaha next spring, and they will move back to Sioux Falls at that time, where she will begin her career in plastic surgery. On the 30th of March, Heather and family flew to Phoenix where we had our family portrait taken for the first time in a few years. On the 2nd of April, Kaden turned one year old, and Conner turned two years old on the 4th. Stephanie threw a big birthday party for both little boys at her home, and they had a good time. We also had a houseguest, Sarah Lefor (daughter of my HS friend, Ann) for a few days and enjoyed getting to know her as well. Sarah was married this November to an Arizona man, so we may see her now & then.

My Mom got a clean bill of health from her orthopedic surgeon and was up and actively pursuing her life, but at the end of April, she had a bleeding mole removed from her leg in Grand Forks, ND, and it turned out to be cancerous. This was the month for surgeries, as my nephew Joey Guenin, age 4, had hernia surgery. Everyone has come through just fine; Mom elected to have surgery to remove the growth in May, and her biggest concern was that she get through the surgery and recuperate enough to attend her grandson's graduations the end of the month. Myron injured himself at work and tore his rotator cuff (again), only this time it was his left arm, and he had surgery on May 4th. He was diligent about doing his physical therapy, and was recovered enough with his arm in a sling so that we could attend his nephew George Afremow's graduation from the University of Southern California. George earned his Executive Masters Degree, and lives with his wife, Pam and two children, Michael and Ashley, in Torrance, CA. Charlene was also there, of course, and put us up in a nice Hilton Hotel during our stay....thanks again, Charlene, for making it possible for us to attend. It was a wonderful event and we're so glad we were there.

On May 3rd, Myron's niece, Shemayne, gave birth to her second child, Logan Jenay McCarthy in Boise, ID. Congratulations to the McCarthy family!! On May 26th, we flew to Omaha and then after visiting with Heather, Dammika, and Kaden, we drove on to Sioux Falls to attend a graduation open house for three of our nephews......Shaun Drummond, graduating from HS in Sioux Falls, SD, Steven Johnson, graduating from HS in Red Wood Falls, MN, and Chase Tayrien, graduating from HS in Branson, MO. My sister, Cindi and her husband, Mike, hosted the party at their Sioux Falls home, since it was located somewhat centrally between all the boys. All of the Guenin Family was there, plus many nieces and nephews, so it was a great social gathering for us all. Myron, Stephanie and I turned around on June 2nd and flew back to Minneapolis, and from there, traveled by car to St. Cloud, MN to attend the wedding of Dane Tollefson and Jodi Klug. We were able to see many relatives on the Pekas side, so again, another wonderful "reunion-izing" weekend. Dane is the son of Myron's, sister, Dorene. Dane and Jody have since bought a new home in West Fargo, ND and are happily settling in! I'm so glad we could be there for your wedding!! Back in Phoenix again after the weekend, I got REALLY busy with the class reunion plans and made a CD of all the graduates from the 3 classes, complete with photos and addresses, phone numbers, emails, etc.....time consuming, but right up my alley. My computer chose that particular moment in time to crash, so I had to hire some "techies" to come over and fix me up. Sure glad that SOMEONE knows what they're doing when these things happen. On June 14th, another Pekas baby was born, this time Zachary Tyler Janke to Jamillah Janke in Sioux Falls, SD. Zachary is the first great-great grandchild for Agnes Pekas! Dorene and DeAnn moved Mom Pekas from Pioneer House Retirement Facility to Riverview Assisted Living in mid-June, and she loves it there!

We left June 28th for Minnesota and were gone about 3 weeks, returning to Phoenix July 18th. During that time, we visited again with Heather and family in Omaha, Myron's Mom and sister Dorene and family in Fargo, my sister Cindi and family in Sioux Falls, and arrived in Baudette one day before the reunion activities started. A good friend and classmate, Wade Johannesen, hosted a Friday night social hour at the LEGION club in Baudette, and our reunion was held at Sportsman's Lodge on the Rainy River, which divides the US from Canada. Some of us took a 1-1/2 hour boat cruise up and down the Rainy River, which was enjoyable. There are so MANY beautiful cabins stashed away in the woods up there now, and some only visible from the water. There were about 215 classmates and spouses in attendance at the reunion, as well as a few parents and some former teachers, and we truly had a wonderful time. I hadn't seen some of the people for 35-40 years! I put together a slide show (to 60's music) on my laptop and with the help of the High School media teacher, I was able to show that at the reunion. The next day, some of us enjoyed a picnic at the home of Karen and Steven Hanson. All too soon, it was time to say goodbye again. In the afterglow of the reunion, we spent a wonderful 4th of July on the banks of Baudette Bay with the Guenin family, watching really SUPER fireworks (and it was COLD, which I loved!). On the 8th, we drove Mom to a wedding in Bagley, MN. Janie (Walker) married Lee Sutherlin, and Janie had been Mom's nurse in Bemidji when she and Dad were involved in a serious car accident many years ago. It was such a joy to see Janie so happy! Richard's son, Jeff, was home, and Richard's daughter, Jennifer and her husband Doobie and son, Andrew, had recently moved back to Minneapolis from Atlanta, so Jennifer and Richard showed up to take Mom home while Myron and I drove on to spend a few days with Lynn and Dean at their cabin at Pequot Lakes, MN. We had a bit of bad luck on the drive from Minnesota to Sioux Falls. Myron had gone on ahead in the rental car to meet Stephanie, who was flying in from AZ to Sioux Falls. She was very sick, traveling with 3 kids, so he wanted to be there to help her. I was driving our old 1982 grey conversion van (which had been stored in Mom's garage for years!) and it died on me on the interstate between Brookings, SD and Sioux Falls. We had it towed by a man who looked like Santa Claus; fitting! Myron also got the bad news that his work van had been broken into during our absence and about $10,000 worth of his tools had been stolen – a lifetime collection. He was devastated, as any man can understand! It doesn't look like insurance will cover his loss, so he is slowly rebuilding. We spent the next several days in Sioux Falls, visiting with Cindi and Mike, and helping Stephanie prepare for her class reunion, which was held on the 16th. They, too, had a great turnout, and Myron helped with registration, while I manned the camera and took photos of the guests. That same day, our step-niece, Brittany Tayrien, married Daniel Hamman in St. Louis, MO. Mom Guenin and Richard were able to attend, and enjoyed meeting a lot of Brittany's family. Shortly after our return to Phoenix, Myron was released to go back to work, although he practically felt naked without his tools! With the summer being so busy, we felt as though we were rushing (and we were!) all the time, but August wasn't much slower. I continued to babysit Stephanie and Brian's children Monday-Thursday and sometimes Friday every week, and ran them to their dance, swimming and gymnastics lessons, as well as picking them up from school daily. We spent quite a few hours swimming in our back yard, and Mackenzie has learned how to swim like a fish! Madison and Conner are right at her heels, and we DO enjoy swimming as a way to beat the AZ heat. It's great being Grandma!

On August 18th, we flew to Omaha & then drove to Sioux Falls to attend the wedding of my niece, Nicole Drummond and her fiancé, Jim Craig. I was the wedding photographer, so it was a busy time, but the photos turned out well & the wedding & the weather was picture perfect! It even had a fairy tale ending as the Bride and Groom were driven in a white Cinderella-like coach from the wedding site to Falls Park, pulled by two beautiful black horses. This gift was a surprise from Nicole's parents. Once again, all the Guenins were in attendance, so we felt really lucky that so many could be there. Stephanie was able to attend this wedding as well, and Heather, Dammika and Kaden cut short a medical conference in Chicago to arrive later that day. We all celebrated Mike Drummond's birthday the next day before going our separate ways. Nicole & Jim have since moved to St. Louis, MO & have recently moved into a new home. Two more events in August were the birth of Seth Joseph Pekas to Scott and Nicole Pekas in Denver, CO on August 15th, & the marriage of Jeff Gronneberg to Lisa Bakko on August 12th. We only wish we could be four people instead of two, so we could be everywhere during these happy times.

Mom Guenin came back to Phoenix with me after Nicole and Jim's wedding and stayed with us for two weeks, heading back to Minnesota (where Richard picked her up) Labor Day weekend. During her stay, we made a road trip to Tucson to see Helen Lehman....and that's another adventure!! September brought the devastating news of Hurricanes Katrina and Wilma, and another family wedding, that of Justin Pekas to Tamara McKinney on September 3rd in Hastings, NE. We were sorry we were unable to attend, but we wish the bride and groom well! In mid-September, Stephanie and Brian took a well-deserved relaxing 6-day trip to Jamaica, while we took care of the children. September also brought about major changes in our work worlds. Myron left SuperFloors/Baker Brothers and has his own blind and drapery installation business now. He still works one to two days a week for Stephanie, and enjoys being on his own once more. Brian, too, has moved from SuperFloors/Baker Brothers to New Home Interiors, and much of the installing work Myron does is for New Home Interiors. We left Sept. 15 for Branson, MO and spent 5 days visiting my brother, Dan, his wife, Laurie and their children. We had such a good time, going to see shows and just spending time together. It was our first time in Branson, and we liked it! Heather and Dammika had been in the preliminary stages of building a home in Sioux Falls, and it "closed" the end of September. As of this writing, the home is taking shape, and it's located not far from where we used to live.

Toward the end of September, Stephanie's office assistant gave her two weeks' notice, so I have taken over her job as well as taking care of the children. Conner has started going to pre-school two mornings a week now, and the girls are both in school every day, getting out at varying times depending on the day. So it seems to be working for now. We'll see what happens when school is out in the summer! I'm rather enjoying having a hand in the business world once again, and my boss is pretty nice to me! ☺

October was wild. On the 6th, I flew with Helen Lehman to Valdosta, GA to attend the VSPA Convention (Vietnam Security Police Association). They had invited us back, and we really enjoyed renewing friendships with people we knew, as well as making new friends. They also honored us by voting us in as honorary members, two of eight they have done this for in the past. A very sad note, however, hung over us when we got a phone call that Helen's dear friend, Al, had suffered a heart attack. We flew back on Sunday the 9th, and Helen was able to spend a few precious days with Al before he passed away on Oct. 17th. Helen and I do plan to attend the convention in Las Vegas next year. A few days after our return, Myron and I joined the Ritschers on a family trip to Disneyland in California. We drove over, went to both Disney and California Adventure, and then Myron and Brian flew back to work while Steph and I stayed an extra day and then drove home. The trip was a surprise, so the kids had no idea where we were going until they spotted the Micky Mouse logo on the Hotel!! It really was fun. Myron and I stayed at George and Pam's home, while the Ritschers enjoyed the Grand Californian Hotel at Disney. Thanks, Afremows!

I planned a last-minute surprise 40th birthday party for my sister Dena, which took place in Baudette the weekend of October 22nd. Myron and Brian had previously planned a fishing trip with Dena's husband, Kevin, and other family members started planning to come too. So it seemed like a good weekend! I flew to Mpls, spent the night with Jennifer, Doobie and Andrew, and the next morning we picked up my brother, Danny, who flew in from Missouri. We drove north, caravaning with Dena's good friend, Shari Mutcher Scheck from Illinois, and picked up Bettye Guenin in Brainerd on our way! Dena was REALLY surprised, and we had our usual Guenin fun times with Greg presenting her with the rare FLABINGO birds for her very own. Well, you had to be there! Mari came up with Travis and Sarah, Mick, Pat, Bob and his kids were there as were Cindi and Mike, Greg and Bettye, Scott, Marilyn and family, Richard, Jenn and Andrew, Dan, and Myron and I. Thanks for the lift, Jenn and Doobie, and for the hospitality at your home!

In early November, we shared the "rummage sale experience" with Steph and Brian at our house. Sold enough to go out for lunch and took the rest to Goodwill! I went to Florida Nov. 10-14 to spend some time with Lynn and Dean at their Naples, FL condo. We did nothing, and it was GREAT!! I take that back; we DID go to a movie, laid in the sun, and went to a dinner theatre one night. But it was the most rest I'd had in weeks and it felt wonderful. Heather, Dammika, and Kaden arrived the following weekend for a 10-day stay, and it was great to have them here through Thanksgiving. We had our share of stumbling blocks; Kaden developed a high fever in the middle of the night, Conner came down with an ear infection a few days later, and Stephanie had to have a "scoping procedure" done the morning after H & D arrived. Her one kidney wasn't working, and they determined she has scar tissue causing the problem. A temporary "fix" was attempted, but she may be facing surgery in January to resolve the issue. However, a mere thing like that didn't stop Stephanie from creating a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner for 16 and she carried the day off like nothing was wrong. We also took the family to see the "zoo lights" at the Phoenix Zoo one evening, and it was beautiful.....a very pleasant outing. We also had one special evening to ourselves when we baby$at Kaden. Heather and Dammika went to a party they'd been invited to, so we had Kaden for the duration. It turns out that I'm his "computer Grandma". He loves to go to www.noggin.com online, and will ask for it. I also "took him" to PBSKids.org and playhousedisney, as well as SesameStreet.com, so we had a real adventure! Loved it! Kaden loved playing with his cousins and we spent a few days up at the cabin as well, ending our time together by eating at one of Heather's favorite places, The Cheesecake Factory.

And now we've crossed over into December. Presents yet to be purchased, cards to be finished, baking to be done, and the list goes on and on. But these are the things that bring back the magic for me, and so I continue to do what I can when I can. We are fortunate to be able to spend so much time with our families, friends, and loved ones, and for those of you who exchange emails with us throughout the year, thank you.....we have a link, a way to stay in touch. That's what it's all about for us, folks. You make up the fabric of our lives, and we count ourselves blessed to have you in it. Please let us hear from and about you, too, this year. It's a joy for us to receive your cards, photos and letters, and it's certainly one of the things that we enjoy most about this holiday season! I dedicate this Christmas greeting in memory of Sherry Ausmus, who passed away November 16, 2005 in Minnesota.

Merry Christmas, dear ones, and a most Happy New Year to you and those you treasure............ Life is fleeting.

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Holiday Parade has 60 floats, bands planned

From staff reports

Five dozen floats will join marching bands, clowns and celebrities Saturday morning in initiating a holiday tradition in Sioux Falls.

The 1984 Holiday Parade will amble down Minnesota Avenue beginning at 10 a.m. from 14th Street to 40th Street with Mayor Joe Cooper, the grand marshall, at the fore and a visitor from the North Pole aft.

Altogether there will be about 100 participants in the parade, Lee Brown of the Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce said. More than a dozen kids' characters from television and movies will join the procession, as well as a color guard and Santa Claus with Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.

All traffic on the street will be rerouted during the parade. "Viewing will be advantageous at any point along either side of Minnesota Avenue," Brown said.

Sylvia Henkin, the Chamber's president, and local television personality Ken Hirsch will serve as mistress and master of ceremonies at a reviewing stand at 20th Street and Minnesota Avenue. They will help select the top floats in three categories: most novel; best by a non-profit organization; best by a business.

A $300 cash prize and a trophy will be awarded in each category.

The Holiday Parade is the brainstorm of the Chamber of Commerce's Retail Committee and is intended to focus attention on Sioux Falls' retail community and cultural attractions during the holiday season.

"What better way to launch the holiday season than to have a Holiday Parade," Cooper said. "Whether participating in religious activities, holiday programs, cultural events, shopping or just visiting family and friends, Sioux Falls and the greater Sioux Falls area is a great place to do it."

Sioux Falls

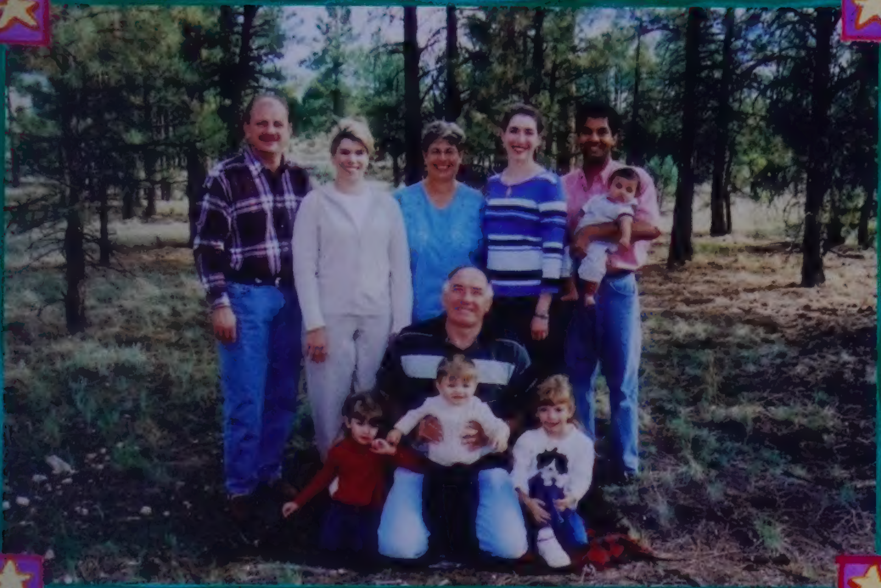
1985 Sioux Falls Snow Queen is selected

Stephanie Pekas was crowned 1985 Snow Queen at the third annual Sioux Falls Snow Queen contest Saturday night. The pageant was sponsored by the Western Heights Jaycee Women.

Pekas will represent Sioux Falls at the South Dakota Snow Queen pageant in January in Aberdeen.

Kara Kroon was first runner-up; Ronda Jurgens was second runner-up.

SIOUX FALLS SNOW QUEEN



Merry Christmas

and Happy New Year 2004

MYRON AND ERLYCE

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front: Madison, Conner, Myron, MacKenzie

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Madison, Conner and MacKenzie Ritscher

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Happy Holidays

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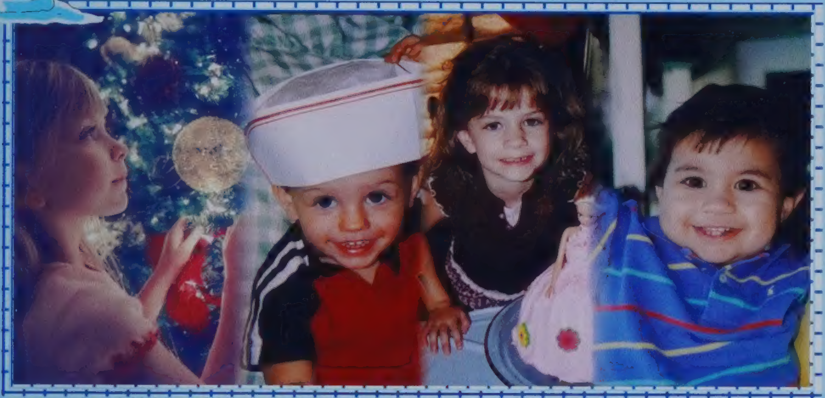
WISHING YOU A

Wonderful Holiday Season

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year
from the
Myron & Erlyce
Pekas Family, 2006

Christmas 2006

Our Grandchildren, 2005



Mackenzie (7), Conner (2-1/2), Madison (5), & Kaden (1-1/2)

Season's Blessings
from

Erlyce and Myron Pekas

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2-8 Amil Core Guenin and Mary E. Klees
3-2 Joseph Edward Guenin and Victoria Dunn
4-1 Erle Guenin and Herzele Johnson
5-1 Erlyce Guenin and Myron Pekas

6-1 Stephanie Pekas 19 in 1986

m. Brian Ritscher 1996 October 11
in Phoenix, AZ

7-1 MacKenzie Ritscher 1998 June 11

7-2 Madison Ritscher 2000 July 7

7-3 Conner Alexander Ritscher 2003 April 4

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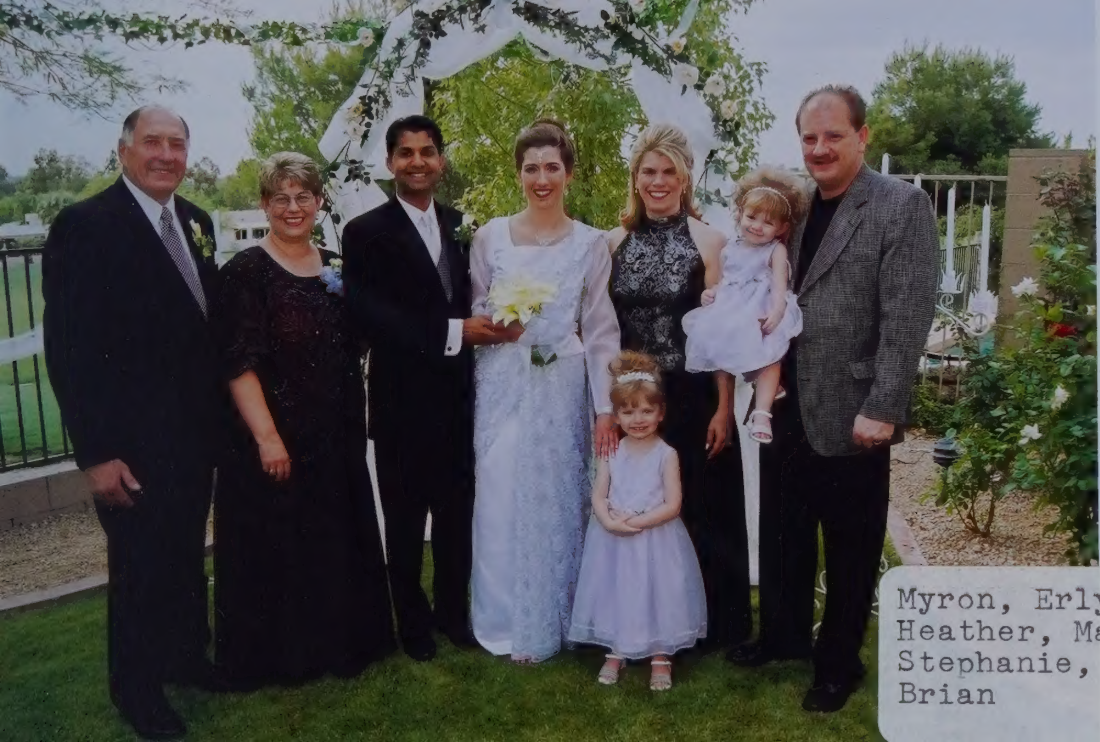

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SEASON'S
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Love,
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Myron &
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Myron, Erlyce, Dammika,
Heather, MacKenzie (4),
Stephanie, Madison (2),
Brian

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3-2 Joseph Edward Guenin and
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5-1 Erlyce Guenin and Myron Pekas

6-2 Heather Pekas

m. Dammika Karu — 2002 April 28
Phoenix, AZ

7-1 Kaden Wilson Karu — 2 April 2004 in Michigan

Francis Guenin and Elizabeth

2-8 Amil Core Guenin and Mary E. Klees
3-2 Joseph Edward Guenin and Victoria Dunn
4-1 Erle Guenin and Herzele Johnson

5- Michael Guenin

m. Pat

6-1 Katy Guenin

6-2 Bob Guenin

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2003- Dental Hygenist

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Francis Guenin and Elizabeth (Pele, Palliot,)
2-8 Amile Core Guenin and Mary E. Klees
3-2 Joseph Edward Guenin and Victoria Dunn
4-1 Erle Guenin and Herzele Johnson
5-2 Michael Guenin and Pat

6- Bob Guenin

m. Stephanie Pommier 1996 June
at Wilmar, MN

7-1 Jacob Robert Guenin 1998 May 20

7-2 Kelsey Lynn Guenin 2001 May 24

Francis Guenin and Elizabeth
2-8 Amil Core Guenin and Mary E. Klees
3-2 Joseph Edward Guenin and Victoria Dunn
4-1 Erle Guenin and Herzele Johnson

5- Cindi Guenin

m. Michael Drummond

6- Nicole Drummond USAF 2002

6- Shana Drummond

6- Shawn Michael Drummond 29 December 1986

Francis Guenin and Elizabeth Pele
2-8 Amil Core Guenin and Mary E. Klees
3-2 Joseph Edward Guenin and
4-2 Erle Guenin and Herzele Johnson
5- Cindi Guenin and Michael Drummond

6-1 Nicole Drummond USAF 2d Lt.

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Francis Guenin and Elizabeth (Pele, Palloit, etc
2-8 Amil Core Guenin and Mary E. Klees
3-2 Joseph Edward Guenin and Victoria Dunn
4-1 Erle Guenin and Herzele Johnson
5- Cindi Guenin and Michael Drummond

6- Shana Drummond

m. Steve Dougherty — 1996 September in Souix Falls, SD

Capt. USAF 2002 England

7-1 Samantha Skye Dougherty — 2001 January 3 in Dover, Delaware

7-2 Camryn Dougherty — 2004 September 16 in England

Francis Guenin and Elizabeth
2-8 Amil Core Guenin and Mary E. Klees
3-2 Joseph Edward Guenin and Victoria Dunn
4-1 Erle Guenin and Herzele Johnson

5- Dan Guenin

m. Laurie

6-1 Joseph Ken Guenin February 12, 2002

Laurie's dau. Brittany Taylien

2003 now located in Branson, MO

Francis Guenin and Elizabeth

2-8 Amil Core Guenin ane Mary E. Klees
3-2 Joseph Edward Guenin and Victoria Dunn
4-1 Erle Guenin and Herzele Johnson

5- Mari Guenin

m. Dana Johnson div. 1996

6-1 Steven Johnson

6-2 Sarah Johnson

Francis Guenin and Elizabeth

2-8 Amil Core Guenin and Mary E. Klees
3-2 Joseph Edward Guenin and Victoria Dunn
4-1 Erle Guenin and Herzele Johnson

5- Richard Guenin

m Eva Johnson div

d. 16 February 2003 in Canada

6-1 Jeffrey Guenin

6-2 Jennifer Guenin

Francis Guenin and Elizabeth Pele
2-8 Amil Core Guenin and Mary E. Klees
3-2 Joseph Edward Guenin and Victoria Dunn
4-1 Erle Guenin and Herzele Johnson
5- Richard Guenin and

6-1 Jeffrey Guenin USAF 2002

Francis Guenin and Elizabeth

2-8 Amil Core Guenin and Mary E. Klees
3-2 Joseph Edward Guenin and Victoria Dunn
4-1 Erle Guenin and Kerzele Johnson
5- Richard Guenin and

6-2 Jennifer Guenin	USAF 2d Lt.
m. Dekran "Doobie" Baltaian	14 June 2003 in the Bahamas
7-1 Andrew Cory Baltaian	29 April 2004 in Alabama

Francis Guenin and Elizabeth
2-8 Amil Core Guenin and Mary E. Klees
3-2 Joseph Edward Guenin and Victoria Dunn
4-1 Erle Guenin and Herzele Johnson

5- Scott Guenin

m. Marilyn

6-1 Melissa Guenin

6-2 Michelle Guenin

6-1 HS Grad 2003

Francis Guenin and Elizabeth
2-8 Amil Core Guenin and Mary E. Klees
3-2 Joseph Edward Guenin and Victoria Dunn
4-1 Erle Guenin and Herzele Johnson
5- Scott Guenin and Marilyn

6-1 Melissa Guenin

engaged: Dustin Solar

Francis Guenin and Elizabeth
2-8 Amil Core Guenin and Mary E. Klees
3-2 Joseph Edward Guenin and Victoria Dunn
4-1 Erle Guenin and Herzele Johnson

5- Dena Guenin

m. Kevin Pieper 1992 May

6-1 Joshua

Francis Guenin and Elizabeth
2-8 Amil Core Guenin and Mary E. Klees
3-2 Joseph Edward Guenin and Victoria Dunn
4-1 Erle Guenin and Herzele Johnson

5- Greg Guenin

m. Bettye

6- Terre Guenin

7-1 Victoria (Tori) Allison October 24, 2003

Francis Guenin and Elizabeth Pele
2-8 Amil Core Guenin and Mary E. Klees
3-2 Joseph Edward Guenin and
4-1 Erle Guenin and Herzele Johnson

5- Mari Guenin

m. Dana Johnson

6-1 Steven Erle Johnson 29 December 1986 Germany
6-2 SARAH JOHNSON 1 SEPT- 1990 U.S.

A CHANGE OF ADDRESS CHRISTMAS POEM

Glad to hear
from you –
marna also
emails me &
keeps me
abreast of
family news
from Indiana.

T'was just days before Christmas
And all through this house,
I'm rushing, I'm rushing
I feel like a louse

For not writing sooner
And letting you know
That your mail and your letters
Have a new place to go!

We've changed our mail address;
A thief has been busy
Stealing our mail
So much, we've been dizzy

Trying to contact
Creditors and friends
Will this holiday challenge
Never end?

We've perused all our statements,
No sign has been left
That we might become victims
Of identity theft!

We have not even moved
We're in the very same place
Only now we pick up our mail
Miles away, armed with mace!

Just kidding, just kidding!!
It's merely "big city" life.
There are many perks
And just a little strife.

So please update your records
Or we'll weep and we'll wail,
'Cuz we don't want to miss out on
YOUR holiday mail!

Our new address is easy
It's just a PO Box
I guess our next step will be
Changing the locks

On everything in sight
As we prepare for the season.
But, we haven't lost track
Of the true Christmas reason

To celebrate this time,
We give thanks, & still feel blessed
To have you in our lives.
Now, I'll give it a rest!

Erlyce and Myron Pekas
PO Box 22035
Phoenix, AZ 85028
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

Our photo this year is of our 3 grandchildren, Madison, Conner and MacKenzie Ritscher, ages 3, 9 months, and 5. We can't wait for next year when we'll have four of those little tykes!

OCT '65

- Francis Guenin & Elizabeth Pottegeau

3-8 Charles Adolph Guenin

March 10, 1866 Monroeville, Indiana
February 16, 1942 Jackson Center, Shelby Co., Ohio

m. Dora I. Funk

September 22, 1877 New Holland, Ohio
March 3, 1966 Lima, Ohio (1967
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3-1 Helen Freda Guenin 1913 December 15
3-2 Charles Edward Guenin
3-3 Cory Lee Guenin
3-4 Martha Leona Guenin
3-5 Maud Mildred Guenin

(1910 Federal Census: Jackson Twp., Shelby County, Ohio
Adam Guenin, 44, single was a stableman at the feedbarn)

Oct. 18, 1989

Dear Erlyce,

Just a note to tell you how sorry I am that I did not know you were going to be in Lima to visit with Helen and Everett until after you were all ready gone. As you probably all ready know from one of the neighbors, both of them have died in the past year-- Everett in Feb. and Helen in June. I knew you and Helen kept in touch, but with trying to sell the house and cleaning it and trying to pay the bills , funerals ,etc. I forgot to write to you.

Everett became ill in Sept. of 1988 and was in either the hospital or the nursing home until he died suddenly of congestive heart failure in Feb. Helen collapsed in Jan. of double pneumoniaand was in the intensive care unit for 3 weeks on a respirator and then was in a couple of nursing homes until she died in June of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease and Congestive Heart Failure. It was also known that she had cancer in the later stages, but she was in such poor condition the doctors and family decided to do nothing except keep her comfortable. Tom and I and the rest of our family have suffered a terrible loss by having them both go so close together. Tom of course thought of Helen as his mother and the children never knew anyother grandmother. We loved her and tried to do our best for her.

Tom and I are going back to our summer home in Michigan for another month tomorrow, and then will be home for the rest of the winter. If you need addresses for any of Helen's family or need to contact Tom or me I will give you our address and telephone numbers. Please accept my apology for not writing this letter sooner.

Sincerely,
Judy Reese (over)

Oct 18th To Nov 20th

Tom + Judy Reese
RR.3 Box 2605
Mc Millen, MI 49853
906-586-3602

<- Summer home

Nov 20th to April 1st:

3053 Twp. Rd. 35
Ada, Ohio 45810
419-634-7449

<- Permanent home

HELEN FREDA REESE

December 15, 1913-June 7, 1989

STEPMOTHER OF
Thomas E. Reese
Mrs. Roland (Nesta) Stemen

SISTER OF
Charles E. Guenin
Cory Lee Guenin
Mrs. Frank (Martha) Maloon

STEPGRANDMOTHER OF
Doug Stemen Bryan Stemen
Gary Reese John Reese
Martha Reese

STEP-GREAT-GRANDMOTHER OF
Elisabeth Stemen

FUNERAL SERVICES
11:00 A.M.
Saturday, June 10, 1989
Siferd Westwood Chapel
Lima, Ohio
Rev. Jerry Hall, officiating

BURIAL
Woodlawn Cemetery
Lima, Ohio

EVERETT EDWARD REESE

August 11, 1912 - February 18, 1989

HUSBAND OF
Helen F. Reese

FATHER OF
Mrs. Roland (Nesta) Stemen
Thomas E. Reese

GRANDFATHER OF
Doug Stemen
Bryan Stemen
Gary Reese
John Reese
Martha Reese

GREAT-GRANDFATHER OF
Elizabeth Stemen

FUNERAL SERVICES
11:00 A.M.
Wednesday, February 22, 1989
Siferd Westwood Chapel
Lima, Ohio
Rev. Jerry Hall, officiating

INTERMENT
Woodlawn Cemetery

Siferd Funeral Homes
Lima, Ohio

The Lima News Thurs 6-8-89

Deaths

Helen F. Reese

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Siferd Westwood Chapel for Helen Freda Reese, 75, of Lima. She died at 7:20 a.m. Wednesday at Shawnee Manor Nursing Home.

She was born Dec. 15, 1913, in Jackson Center, the daughter of Charles Adam and Dora Isabella Funk Guenin. On March 14, 1953, she married Everett Edward Reese, who died Feb. 18.

Mrs. Reese was a retired bookkeeper for Siferd-Hosselman. She was also a housekeeper for the Dr. Ken Hauver family.

Survivors include a stepson, Thomas E. Reese of Ada; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Roland (Nesta) Stemen of Cridersville; five stepgrandchildren; a stepgreat-grandchild; two brothers, Charles E. Guenin of Lima and Cory Lee Guenin of Sandusky; and a sister, Mrs. Frank (Martha) Maloon of Jackson Center.

Rev. Jerry Hall will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Friends may call 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

- Francis Guenin & Elizabeth Pottegeau

2-8 Charles Adolph Guenin & Dora I. Funk

3-1 Helen Freda Guenin

m. Reese

res. 718 South Judkins
Lima, Ohio

no children

- Francis Guenin & Elizabeth Pottegeau

2-8 Charles Adolph Guenin & Dora I. Funk

3-2 Charles Edward Guenin

Lima, Ohio no children

- Francis Guenin & Elizabeth Pottegeau

2-8 Charles Adolph Guenin & Dora I. Funk

3-3 Cory Lee Guenin

res: Sidney, Ohio single

-   Francis Guenin & Elizabeth Pottegeau

2-8 Charles Adolph Guenin & Dora I. Funk

3-4 Martha Leona Guenin

m.   Frank   Maloon

8 children

- Francis Guenin & Elizabeth Pottegeau

2-8 Charles Adolph Guenin & Dora I. Funk

3-5 Maud Mildred Guenin

m. Morris

res: Jackson Center, Ohio